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What's it like to work with Dad every day?

Thoughts shared by sons and daughters in business with Dad

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Dear old Dad.

For many, he's the person who taught you how to ride a bike, throw a softball and build a bonfire. He may have showed you how to check the oil in your car or given advice about finances and life after high school.

Everybody's relationship with their dad is unique, of course, and most likely has changed throughout the years. The Staples World was interested in finding out what it would be like to *work* with one's father. We met up with a few family-owned local businesses that were willing to share their thoughts on the subject, just in time for Father's Day.

Bjerga Feed Store

Ervin (Erv) Bjerga has worked at Bjerga Feed Store (known as Motley's oldest continuous business) since 1951, when he was just 12 years old. He worked along side his dad, Chris Bjerga, who started the business in 1950.

Erv's son Jeff has worked at the family business for the past 35 years; and his daughter Kristin, for the past 24 years. In addition to the feed store, the Bjergas have always farmed as well.

Both Jeff and Kristin said that working with their dad has been a positive experience. "I've learned a lot from him," Kristin said, going on to mention the different aspects of farming her dad taught her as well as learning how to deal with customers at the store.

Jeff agreed, adding that he appreciates the opportunity to work with his dad at the family business. "Every day's a new day," he said.

One of the biggest challenges they've encountered is trying to introduce their dad to new ways of doing things, the siblings said. He knows every customer by name, but getting Erv to use a computer was not an easy task.

He is certainly not afraid of hard work, Kristen and Jeff said. "My dad's one of the hardest workers I know," Kristin said.

That's something he learned from his own dad, Erv chimed in. He's happy to have passed this trait down to his own children as well as two grandchildren, Austin and Whitney, that have come on board

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Kristin, Erv and Jeff Bjerga



Al and Wade Bendson



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Hello, Readers,

The history of blood donation goes back further than you might expect, reaching as far back as the 17th century. The medical specialists of the time knew that blood was a vital element in the body and losing too much of it was bound to have tragic consequences on the patient. So it was that experimentation began, and a whole new breed of heroes was born who contribute their blood so that others may live. Blood Donors save lives every day by giving of themselves so those accident victims and those in need of transfusions for surgeries can live. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. But for the past four years, new Red Cross donors have declined by about 80,000 each year. This is not just a Red Cross trend, but a challenge blood collection organizations face across the country and around the world. To find out how you can help see redcrossblood.org.

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School board talks facilities, finances

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Facilities and finances were the main topics at the June 11 work session of the Staples-Motley School Board.

A special meeting that followed the work session focused on personnel issues.

Facilities update

Bryan Winkels, one of the board members on the building steering committee, reported on the recent meetings with WSN, the architect firm.

They are looking at the feasibility of additions and renovations to both the current high school site and the current elementary school site to create one K-12 building.

Winkels noted that at the next committee meeting he expected they would have some preliminary estimates of costs for each site. That meeting is at 5 p.m., Monday, June 18, so that a presentation can be made to the full board at their regular meeting at 7 p.m. that night.

Winkels said the elementary site appears to be more economical than the high school site at this point.

One factor is the cost to upgrade utilities like sanitary sewer, water mains and storm water systems at the high school to accommodate the required renovations and additions. The demolition required would be another expense as well as necessary upgrades to plumbing and ventilation.

Utilities, plumbing and ventilation changes would not be that extensive at the elementary site and the proximity to the athletic fields relieve the district of creating a safe route to them from the high school site.

In addition to the amount of land at the elementary site already owned by the district, adjacent properties are available that could enhance campus.

Winkels gave as an example the Twin City Optical property that is for sale which includes a parking lot with 70 spaces.

Preliminary plans have the addition of a parking lot near the tennis courts. Winkels suggested they could acquire the Twin City Optical property for not much more than the cost of a new parking lot.

At next week's board meeting the building committee will seek a consensus of where they should put their focus. Then they will involve staff to determine specific needs so WSN's plans can include more details.

Preliminary budget

Interim Superintendent Ron Bratlie distributed a preliminary budget for the 2018-19 school year which shows a deficit of over $1 million in the general fund.

The projected deficit at the end of this school year is $345,724. At the end of fiscal year 2017 the actual deficit was $81,051.

In his analysis of the expenditures Bratlie said he assumed a three percent increase for fiscal year 2018 and the same increase for fiscal year 2019.

Greg Frisk asked what he could tell people when they asked about the deficit.

Bratlie pointed out the decrease in pupil units which drives the funding from the state. For fiscal year 2017 the district had 1,256 students. Fiscal year 2018 is projected at 1,222 students and 2019 is projected at 1,203 students.

Even though the amount per pupil from the state increases each year, the net effect is still a loss in revenue.

Mary Freeman and high school principal Mike Schmidt noted this is not just a Staples-Motley district issue, but a statewide issue.

"Families aren't having as many kids," said Schmidt.

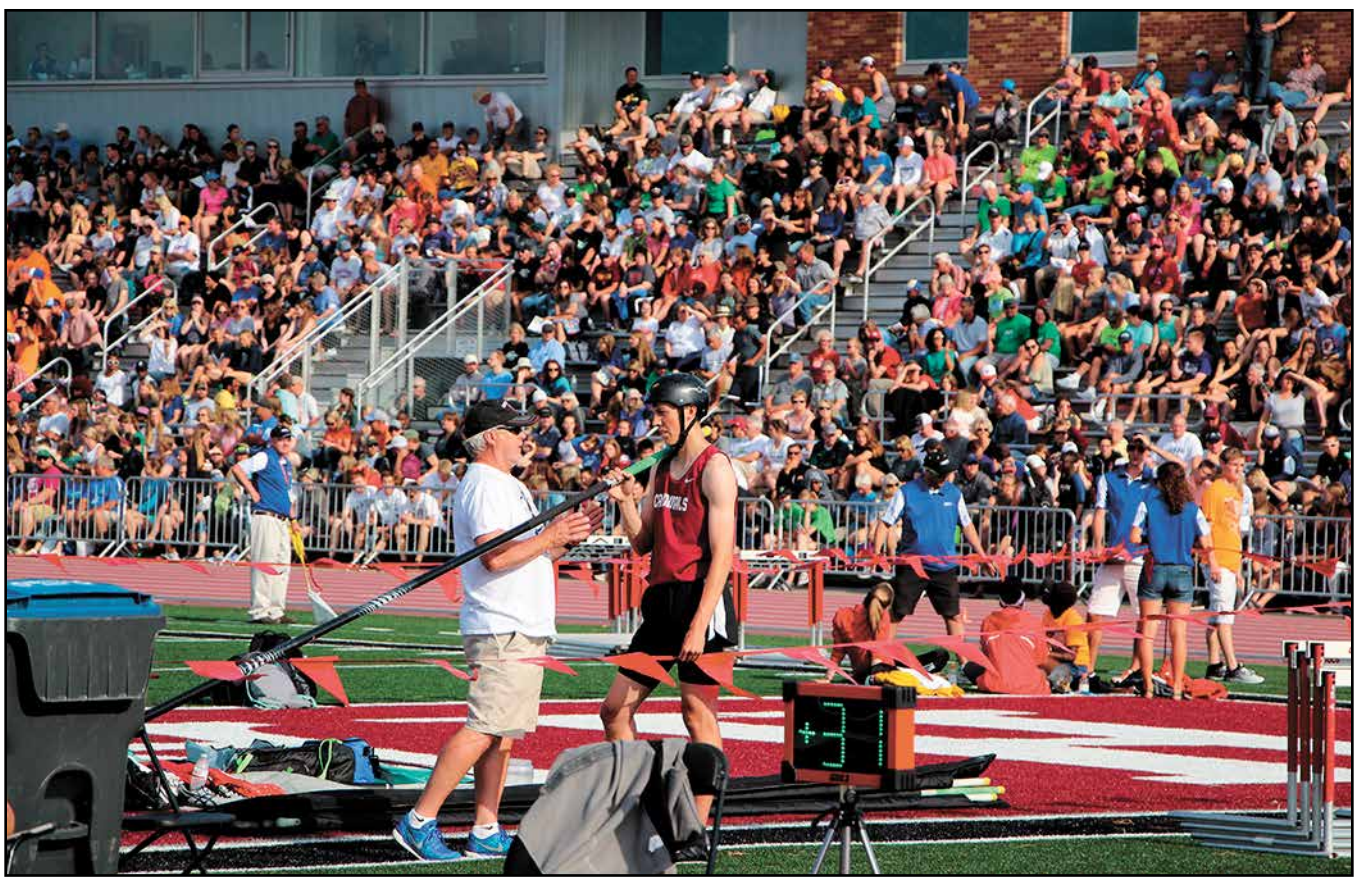
Superintendent negotiations

An addition to the agenda was a discussion on contract negotiations with Interim Superintendent Bratlie, who began working for the district July 1, 2017.

He currently is working three days a week in the office and one day a week at home.

The board committee for the negotiations asked for direction from the board regarding possible changes. One suggestion was to request four days a

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The big stage: Plotting a state championship

Staples-Motley pole vaulter Max Giza gets some advice from coach Tony Spandl as he waits his turn. A large crowd was on hand for the Minnesota State Track and Field meet held June 8-9 at Hamline University in St. Paul. Giza cleared 14 feet, 6 inches to win the championship title after no other competitor cleared 14 feet. Giza also placed second in the 110 meter hurdles and fourth in the 300 meter hurdles. See more in sports section on page 1b. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Coauette recognized by defense program



Receiving Patriot Award

Dr. Chad Coauette, left, was presented the Patriot Award recently by ESGR volunteer, Mike Belos in recognition of his extraordinary support of Captain Greg Grunig and his family. Grunig is an employee at NJPA and is currently deployed on assignment in Kuwait. NJPA Human Resources Manager Becky Cromwell ensured Grunig was part of the ceremony via video call. (Submitted photo)

In a ceremony held at National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) June 6, 2018, Dr. Chad Coauette received the Patriot Award in recognition of his extraordinary support of NJPA procurement lead analyst, Captain Greg Grunig, and his family.

The award is given by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense program established in 1972, promoting cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers.

Grunig, a 10-year member of the Army National Guard based at Camp Ripley in Little Falls, called in via cell phone video to participate in the ceremony.

In his nomination, Grunig cited the overwhelming appreciation and accommodation he received from Coauette. He began in his role at NJPA on Jan. 29, 2018 and was deployed to Kuwait in early March.

He wrote, "I accepted a new position at NJPA and began work four and one-half weeks prior to being deployed with my unit. The Executive Director/CEO has been hugely supportive of my service and recognizes the sacrifice I'm making. He's thanked me for the military experience I bring to the organization. He's empowered the leaders at NJPA to take it upon themselves to do what it takes to ensure that I'm included and up to speed in my role, knowing that I would only be there a short time before I deployed."

Grunig noted that in anticipation of being out of the office on his last work day before deployment, Coauette sought him out early in the week - even interrupting a meeting - to ensure he had the opportunity to personally wish Grunig well.

Coauette was honored and surprised at the recognition.

"I'm very humbled and honored to be recognized," said Coauette. "This reflects our organization and not just me, specifically following Memorial Day and all that means to our country, to the families of those who have served and those who are currently serving. Thank you to those men and women. And thank you to Greg for this nomination. We owe a lot to you and I am humbled to accept this."

Grunig is serving his second deployment. He's expected to return in January 2019.

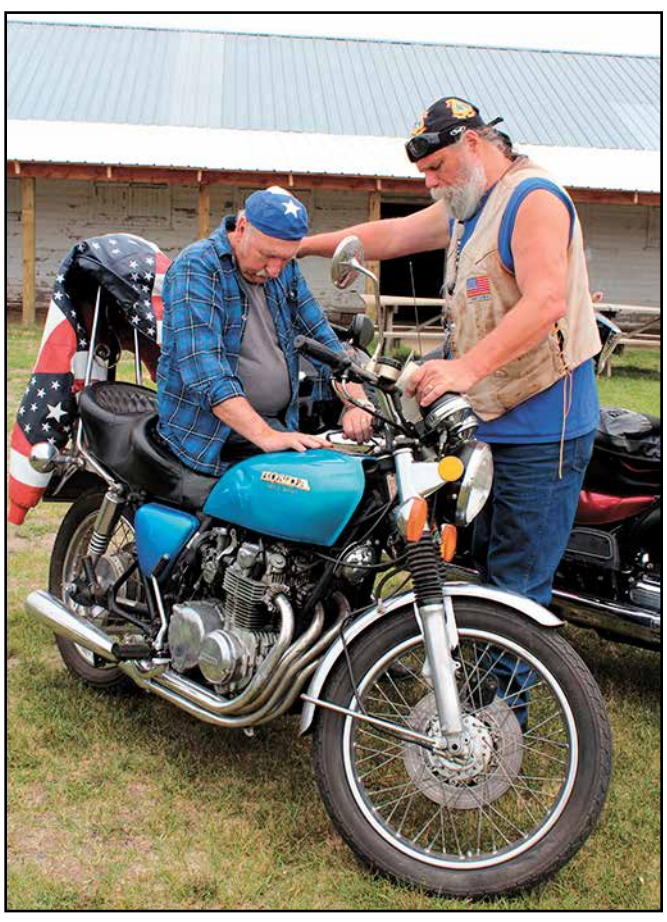
ESGR volunteer Mike Belos presented the award. He also provided NJPA with an official framed "Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve" to affirm the organization's commitment and backing of service members. The statement is signed by Craig R. McKinley, National Chair of ESGR and James N. Mattis, Secretary of Defense.

This is the second Patriot Award earned by NJPA leadership. The organization's Procurement Manager, Chris Robinson, was recognized for his support of Sergeant Staff James Voelker in December 2017.



Blessing the bikers

A bike blessing ceremony, led by the Damascus Way Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA), took place at the Motley Fairgrounds June 9. At least 23 bikers participated in the event which included lunch at the fairgrounds, a message by speaker Mike Morley and a ride around the Lincoln Lakes Area. The group met for ice cream in Randall at the end of their ride. Pictured above, Mike Morley (who was celebrating his birthday that day) prays with Mike Vanheel, Bertha. In the background, Mark Shea (left) prays with Roddy Sams, both of Staples. Bottom photo, Dale Leehy, Bertha, (right) prays with Delmer Hardy, Ft. Ripley. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Motorcyclists revving up for summer rides

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Motley Fairgrounds was home to a number of avid motorcyclists June 9, there to attend the annual Bike Blessing event sponsored by area churches.

They came dressed in leather and denim, revving the engines of a variety of bike brands, including Harley Davidson, Gold Wing, Honda and Kawasaki, to name a few.

Several of the riders are part of the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA), a non-denominational organization. "To us, it's a ministry," said Dale Leehy of Bertha, who, along with his wife, Carla, has been a part of CMA for the past 16 years. "We try to take the Word (of God) with us where ever we ride...we try to just meet people where ever they are." This includes going to rallies and other events, sharing the love of God.

The Leehys are part of the Damascus Way Chapter of the CMA. Dale serves as president of the group. Fellow member and chaplain Mike Morley of Brainerd served as guest speaker at the recent Bike Blessing event.

Riders came from several area towns, representing Wadena, Staples, Bertha, Deer Creek, Brainerd, Little Falls, Motley and Fort Ripley. They were treated to a free lunch, which was followed by a bike blessings.

Prayers were offered for each of the bikers as they enter the summer season, invoking God's protection on them as they travel on their motorcycles.

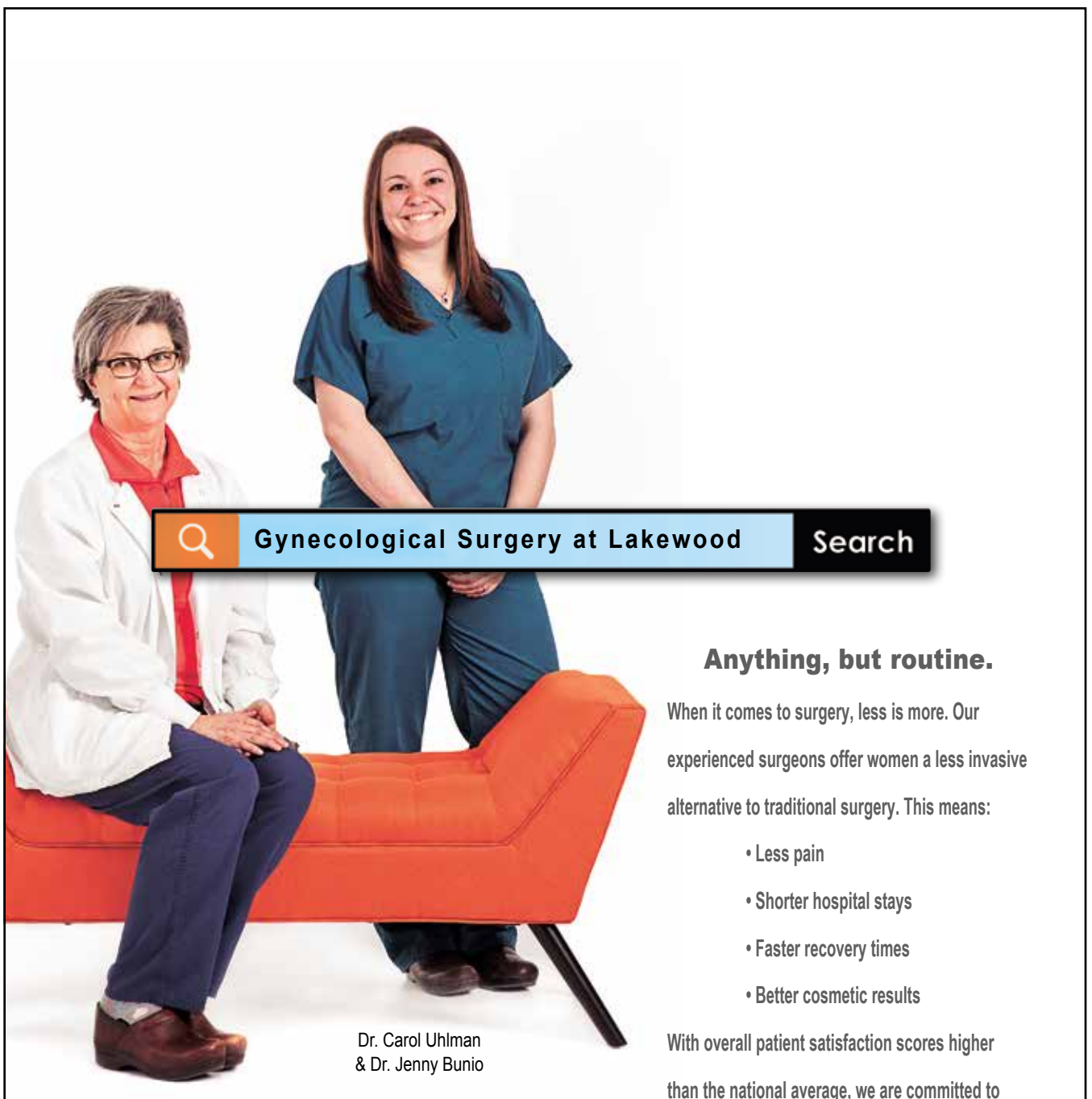
Following the blessing ceremony, the motorcyclists headed out for a ride around the Lincoln Lakes area, stopping in Randall to enjoy ice cream.

Dale Leehy said that in addition to their ministry work, the Damascus Way chapter meets at BRICKS in Motley every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. to enjoy a ride together. "Anyone is welcome to join us," Dale said, adding that they don't need to be a part of CMA or Damascus Way to participate in the ride.

In addition, the organization holds a monthly meeting at BRICKS on the first Thursday of every month. For more information about Damascus Way, contact Dale Leehy at 218-924-4006.

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Legislative session discussed

State Representative John Poston, left, and State Representative Ron Kresha discussed the issues at a forum at the Browerville Community Center on June 5. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Area legislators say process yields good and bad results

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Minnesota legislative process can be complicated and may appear to be chaotic, but area representatives were able to make sense of it during a forum on June 5. John Poston and Ron Kresha both mentioned some positives that came out of the last session, and also had suggestions of what they would like to see improved.

Both are Republicans representing District 9A and 9B.

The legislative update was sponsored by the Todd County Farm Bureau, and a small crowd made it possible for the representatives to go into more detail about the concerns of citizens.

When asked about the bills being crammed together with many last-minute provisions that legislators don't have time to read, Poston said "That's not really true, all the issues are identified in February and different proposals go through conference committees. We've been working on it for three months."

He said most of the additions have already been discussed or are small changes to an existing statute, so the entire statute needs to be included in the bill.

He said they put every topic all in one bill because they don't have time to debate each one individually. It is also a way to trade off by accepting bills he doesn't like but getting the ones he does like. "It's a compromise, ninety percent of the bills are good," said Poston.

Kresha said it can be a good thing when the legislature waits until the last possible minute to pass the bill. "You want it to go to the last minute, so we can keep fighting until the last minute," he said.

Kresha said the process can work, but one of the failures this year was not to pass a tax conformity bill. When the U.S. changed the tax structure last year, Kresha said Minnesota needed to change their tax structure to fit with the national tax law. He said the governor agrees that it is a need, but it didn't get anywhere in this year's session. He suspects there could be a special session after the election to conform the state tax structure to fit with the national tax laws.

Both representatives agreed that more needs to be done to fix the state's health insurance system. Neither one is on a committee that addresses health care, but Kresha suggested that Minnesota Health and Human Services should be audited to get rid of fraud and waste.

Poston said he would like to see a bill passed to address the opiod crisis, and believes pharmaceutical companies should pay more for the license to sell opiods in the state, with the fees going to prevention of abuse.

Kresha said the biggest need in the opoid crisis is to stop medical providers from overprescribing painkillers.

Kresha also took it a step further, talking about adverse childhood experiences (ACES) as a major root cause of addictions, and how a decline in family and community structures have increased that risk. He said stronger families and communities would reduce the need for many of the bills in the legislature.

Audience members pitched in with examples of fraud and waste in government funding. Poston agreed that there is more fraud in entitlements than any other department. Kresha suggested that auditing the funding would solve a lot of the fraud and waste.

Poston was not in favor of increased school funding, saying that schools didn't need it. If they are in debt, "it was their own fault," he said.

Timbs earns award in national contest

Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter, has received honorable mention in the 2018 National Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest for her feature story about Vernon Drake.

The story "Vernon Drake remembers his mother's prayers," which ran May 11, 2017, also earned Timbs a second place in the human interest category in the Minnesota Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest in January, 2018.

"I love love love the use of your photos! The lede was nice, too because you introduced someone the story is about as if that was the time period we were in currently. Great job telling the Drake's story," commented the NNA judge.

"Dawn has a knack for picking up on the details that bring her stories to life," said Brenda Halvorson, Staples World general manager. "She listens, she asks the questions that encourage confidences. Then she puts it all together so the readers really feel connected."



Dawn Timbs

In preparing the contest entry for NNA, Timbs was asked to write a brief narrative explaining the circumstances of the story.

She wrote, "A chance encounter with an elderly gentleman who had been abandoned at birth led to the story, 'Vernon Drake remembers his mother's prayers.'

"Vernon had recently turned 90 years old at the time of the article and decided he was finally ready to share the story of his life. From the comments heard around town, it was evident that people in the community, many of whom Vernon had known for decades, never knew the details of his birth.

"Vernon's story is a reminder everyone is significant and has an effect on those around them. I was especially glad to have been able to write this story when I did, as Vernon died this past April on Easter Sunday."

Winners will be recognized at the awards breakfast held Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018, during NNA's 132nd Annual Convention & Trade Show at the Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, VA.

There were 1,405 entries in the Better Newspaper Editorial Contest and 202 entries in the Better Newspaper Advertising Contest for a total of 1,607 entries. A total of 478 awards were won by 115 member newspapers in 38 states.

Judging was performed primarily by active community newspaper editors and publishers, as well as retired university journalism professors and retired or former newspaper professionals.

"I always find judging contests to be so rewarding. With the word on the street that newspapers are a dying industry, it's encouraging to see so much talent, creativity, and dedication to the field," wrote one of the judges.

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Security emergency procedures discussed

week in the office. Bratlie said he would think about it

Freeman said that would be an additional expense because at present, his daily rate of pay is higher for days in the office to compensate for mileage.

Board chair Chad Longbella noted some issues in the district office during the past year because of turnover and new people in jobs. Some of those are being addressed with additional staff meetings, but he said there is still a need for better communications in the office and with the board.

Frisk said he thought the district needed the superintendent in house at least four days.

Bratlie said another factor was the assumption that the district would be starting a search for a permanent superintendent in December or January. Bratlie could stay on as a construction consultant, depending on what happens with the building project.

Special meeting

The board accepted resignations from Jaime Boesen, business manager, and Samantha Pommier, middle school social worker.

A leave of absence for medical reasons was approved for Ruth Tokarczyk, middle school special education teacher.

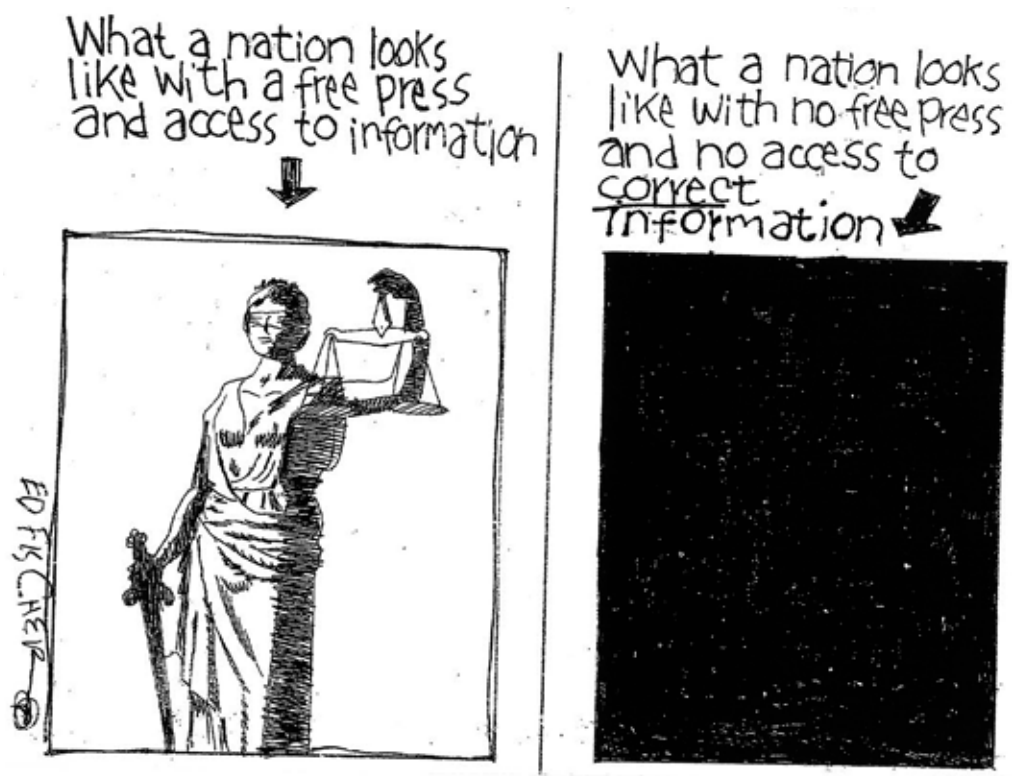
Lynette Vavreck was hired as a special education teacher.

Closed meeting

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Teachers promote start of Flag Day

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. B.J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisc., Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'.

In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J. Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893, adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the flag on June 14. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day', and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small flag.

Two weeks later on May 8, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893, in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small flag and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the flag be displayed on all public buildings. With B.J. Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916.

While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

Source: usflag.org

The original Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands - one nation indivisible - with liberty and justice for all."

On Sept. 8, 1892, the Boston based "The Youth's Companion" magazine published a few words for students to repeat on Columbus Day that year. Written by Francis Bellamy, the circulation manager and native of Rome, New York and reprinted on thousands of leaflets, was sent out to public schools across the country.

On Oct. 12, 1892, the quadricentennial of Columbus' arrival, more than 12 million children recited the Pledge of Allegiance, thus beginning a required school-day ritual.

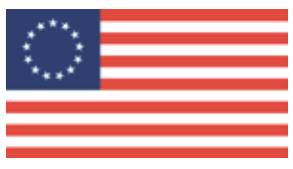
At the first National Flag Conference in Washington D.C., on June 14, 1923, a change was made. For clarity, the words "the Flag of the United States" replaced "my flag." In the following years various other changes were suggested but were never formally adopted.

It was not until 1942 that Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance. One year later, in June 1943, the Supreme Court ruled that school children could not be forced to recite it. In fact, today only half of our fifty states have laws that encourage the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in the classroom.

In June of 1954 an amendment was made to add the words "under God". Then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower said "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

Source: usflag.org





Francis Hopkinson claimed to have created the first official flag of the United States in 1777. However, Congress refused him this title based on the fact that multiple people contributed to the design. Hopkinson's design used a staggered pattern of 3-2-3-2-3 using 6 pointed Marian stars. This creates an optical effect of the crosses used in the British flag.

Legend states that the first flag was created by Betsy Ross with 13 stars in a circle and a square canton. The stars all face outward and represent a new constellation. This flag was used from 14 June 1777–1 May 1795.





Star Spangled Banner Flag, the 15-star and 15-stripe U.S. garrison flag which flew over Fort McHenry following the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812. Seeing the flag inspired Francis Scott Key's song "The Star-Spangled Banner," now the U.S. national anthem. The original flag was 42 feet long and 30 feet high, with each stripe being about two feet, and the stars being about two feet in diameter. It was made by Mary Young Pickersgill and her assistants.

The 48-star flag was in use from 1912 to 1959, the second longest-used U.S. flag. The current U.S. flag is the longest-used flag, having surpassed the 1912 version in 2007.

Why do we call the U.S Flag 'Old Glory?'

This famous name was coined by Captain William Driver, a shipmaster of Salem, Massachusetts, in 1831. As he was leaving on one of his many voyages aboard the brig CHARLES DOGGETT - and this one would climax with the rescue of the mutineers of the BOUNTY - some friends presented him with a beautiful flag of twenty four stars. As the banner opened to the ocean breeze for the first time, he exclaimed "Old Glory!"

He retired to Nashville in 1837, taking his treasured flag from his sea days with him. By the time the Civil War erupted, most everyone in and around Nashville recognized Captain Driver's "Old Glory." When Tennesee seceded from the Union, Rebels were determined to destroy his flag, but repeated searches revealed no trace of the hated banner.

Then on Feb. 25, 1862, Union forces captured Nashville and raised the American flag over the capital. It was a rather small ensign and immediately folks began asking Captain Driver if "Old Glory" still existed.

Happy to have soldiers with him this time, Captain Driver went home and began ripping at the seams of his bedcover. As the stitches holding the quilt-top to the batting unraveled, the onlookers peered inside and saw the 24-starred original "Old Glory"!

Captain Driver gently gathered up the flag and returned with the soldiers to the capitol. Though he was sixty years old, the Captain climbed up to the tower to replace the smaller banner with his beloved flag.

The Sixth Ohio Regiment cheered and saluted - and later adopted the nickname "Old Glory" as their own, telling and re-telling the story of Captain Driver's devotion to the flag we honor yet today.

Captain Driver's grave is located in the old Nashville City Cemetery, and is one of three places authorized by act of Congress where the Flag of the United States may be flown 24 hours a day.

A caption above a faded black and white picture in the book, The Stars and the Stripes, states that " 'Old Glory' may no longer be opened to be photographed, and no color photograph is available." Visible in the photo in the lower right corner of the canton is an appliqued anchor, Captain Driver's very personal note.

"Old Glory" is the most illustrious of a number of flags - both Northern and Confederate - reputed to have been similarly hidden, then later revealed as times changed. The flag was given to his granddaughter or niece and she later donated it to the Smithsonian.

Source: usflag.org

The flag design has changed over years

No one knows with absolute certainty who designed the first stars and stripes or who made it. Congressman Francis Hopkinson seems most likely to have designed it, and few historians believe that Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, made the first one.

Until the Executive Order of June 24, 1912, neither the order of the stars nor the proportions of the flag was prescribed. Consequently, flags dating before this period sometimes show unusual arrangements of the stars and odd proportions, these features being left to the discretion of the flag maker. In general, however, straight rows of stars and proportions similar to those later adopted officially were used.

The principal acts affecting the flag of the United States are the following:

- On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."
- Act of January 13, 1794 - provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.
- Act of April 4, 1818 - provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.
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Letters to the Editor

Stolen wire

I had all my aluminum wire removed from around my garden and would like to ask the person that removed it to come back and also remove the chicken wire also as it's hard for me to get this done.

Sad that somebody was so desperate to take wire that wasn't worth much for scrap. I would pay them more for mowing or just manual labor around the house.

I will be putting up cameras soon. I thought I only had deer and rabbit issues.

John Kincaid
Staples, Minn.

PS: Guess the lights for NJPA parking area do help for security?

Free nitrate water testing at the fair

The Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will offer a free nitrate water-testing clinic at the Wadena County Fair on June 21 and 22, 2018, from 2-6 p.m.

Nitrates are the most common contaminants in Minnesota's groundwater, and in some areas of the state a significant number of wells have high nitrate levels. Experts recommend that private well owners who get their drinking water from wells should test their water regularly.

To participate in the testing, homeowners should bring at least one-half cup of water in a clean plastic or clean glass container. To get a good sample, allow the tap to run five to ten minutes before filling the container. Homeowners with distillation units, reverse osmosis or other nitrate removal systems should take two water samples - one before and one after the treatment process. This will determine if the system is working. Homeowners with just a water softener need to take one sample, either before or after the water passes through the water softener.

Samples should be taken no more than 24 hours before the testing and must be kept refrigerated prior to testing. To ensure accurate results, homeowners should mark the container with their name, phone number and a well identification number if more than one well is sampled.

Homeowners who wish to remain anonymous should choose an easily recognized "code number" to identify their sample. It's not necessary to provide information about the well or well location.

Samples will be analyzed on the spot - the process usually takes less than five minutes - and results will be given directly to the homeowner. If the nitrate level in a sample is elevated, clinic staff can refer the homeowner to certified labs that will retest the water.

For questions about the clinic or how to take a water sample contact the Wadena SWCD at 218-631-3195 x4.

Mark Your Calendar

June 20

Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association Mtg Wed., June 20, 5:30 p.m., Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Public invited.

June 23

Turkey Shoot Hosted By American Legion Post #124, Motley Sat., June 23, 11 a.m., Staples Sportsman Club, 3 mi. north of Staples. For ages 18 and older, 12 gauge only. Brats, hot dogs, beverages available.

June 27

Medical Home Patient Advisory Council Mtg Wed., June 27, 2 - 3 p.m., Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples, lower level classroom A. All Lakewood patients welcome. For info., to RSVP, call 218-894-8311 or email loiswalters@lakewoodhealthsystem.com by June 25.

School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, June 18, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include:

- Financial items including approving the 2018-19 budget; awarding of the dairy bid; and approving an agreement with School Finances for $8,401, a firm providing financial support to the business office.
- Curriculum items including the 2016-17 QComp annual report and student/parent handbook revisions
- Personnel items including a change for all full time employee contract to 260 working days for compatability with a state reporting system and naming a board member to the 2018-19 QComp Oversite committee.
- Policy items including approving the hiring guideline with revision to policy #401 and a discussion on facilities.

Other items include reports from the principals, superintendent, SMEA and school board committees.



Lamp Camp in full swing, public performance June 22

Students participating in Lamp Camp, sponsored by Lamplighter Community Theatre, rehearse a song from 'Hansel & Gretel' which they will perform Friday, June 22, 7 p.m., at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Music director is Sam Fujii, at piano. Justin Edin is the artistic/drama director; and Nicolette Paskewitz is the choreographer. Free will offering. Performers pictured (not in order) are Andrew Bates, Keegan Bestland, Alex Brings, Ari Brings, Toni Brings, Brooke Ferdon, Elena Grove, Abby Ktytor, Macy Judd, Delaney Larson, Micah Larson, Alex Morlock, Alex McIlravy and Zach McIlravy. Not pictured is Trinity Seamann. Lamp Camp runs from June 11 - 22. (Submitted photo)

CAD members learn that youth need 'Developmental Assets'

"All Young People Need Assets"

"Relationships Are Key"

"Everyone Can Build Assets"

These are a few of the highlights that seven Todd County CAD (Citizens Against Drugs) members and staff came away with after attending SEARCH Institute's Essentials of Asset Building training, held June 6-7 at the Timbers Event Center in Staples.

Developmental Assets are what every young person needs to be successful in school and in life. SEARCH Institute's training equips and supports individuals, organizations, institutions and entire communities in building those Developmental Assets: experiences, opportunities, skills and qualities that help young people make responsible and healthy choices.

Attendees were introduced to SEARCH Institute's Developmental Assets framework, and were given the background to become 'asset builders' in their personal and professional lives. They were also trained to become 'asset advocates' in their community or organization, and to effectively deliver a variety of asset-building messages to multiple audiences.

Developmental Assets provides a framework for action that encourages all individuals to make a difference, no matter who they are or what their lives are like. With results in hand from the recent county wide Developmental Asset Profile (DAP) survey and with this training completed, coalition members plan to 'get the word out' on how all community members can be asset builders to Todd County's youth.

The training is designed to help achieve SEARCH Institute's vision: To create a world where all young people are valued and thrive. For more information on SEARCH Institute, visit www.search-institute.org.

Todd County CAD strives to prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by youth in Todd County. CAD's Vision is a culture that inspires youth to be alcohol, tobacco and drug free. For more information on Todd County CAD, contact Connie Burns, Todd County Health Education Coordinator at 320-732-2221 or connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us.



Developmental Asset training

TheTodd County CAD (Citizens Against Drugs) training on asset building was held June 6-7, attendees, from left, were Jim Conway, Senior Trainer, SEARCH Institute; Gail Honek, Pete Bersheit, Heather Rogosheske (Working Together Coalition, Walker/Hackensack), Joel Loving (Iowa/Americorps), Julia Davick, Jana Timm, Teresa Sorenson, Mary Theurer, Connie Burns (CAD Staff). (Submitted photo)

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Student Achievements

The University of Minnesota Duluth has announced its Spring 2018 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher. Local students named include:

- Tian Eng, Pillager
- Claire Roberts, Staples
- Jenessa Iverson, Staples.

North Dakota State University has announced its Spring 2018 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits. Local students named include:

- Emily Peters, Motley
- Dawn Swartz, Motley
- Luke Unger, Pillager
- Simon Unger, Pillager
- Jaelin Beachy, Staples
- Andrew Israelson, Staples
- Chelsea Nanik, Staples
- Lauren Nelson, Staples
- Skyler Svendsen, Staples.

The University of North Dakota has announced its Spring 2018 Dean's List. To qualify, students must have grade point averages in the top 15 percent of the enrollment in each of the University's degree granting colleges and school. A student must have completed no fewer than 12 semester hours of academic work for the semester. Local students named include:

- Linsey Johnson, Staples
- Kayla Schmieg, Staples.

Thank you

John and I would like to thank all of our family and friends who attended the benefit on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Also, thank you to all that donated to the raffles and silent auction. We appreciate all the thoughts and prayers as we battle our opponent: CANCER. We continue to stay positive and to enjoy each day as it comes. It is our hope that with faith, family and friends, we will defeat this battle in the end.

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On the job

Justine Haugo, right, was on the job as an agriculture education intern at Staples-Motley High School before Memorial Day when she helped students in Kerry Lindgren's Plant Science class fill flower boxes around the City of Staples. Lindgren will be Haugo's mentor for the summer. Haugo is a student at North Dakota State University. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Agriculture education intern begins at SMHS

Kerry Lindgren of Staples-Motley High School is hosting Justine Haugo as an Agricultural Education Intern as part of a State Teach Ag Results (STAR) program initiative, which is coordinated by the Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council (MAELC) within the state.

Seven students majoring in Agricultural Education at North Dakota State University, South Dakota State University and Southwest Minnesota State University with the intent to teach agricultural education in Minnesota have been selected and paired with current agriculture teachers for the summer.

During the internship, Haugo will be working closely with Lindgren to help local students and community members engage in agricultural education throughout the summer months.

"I've always had a passion for agriculture but Agricultural Education just seemed to fit me perfectly," says Haugo, "I am trained in all aspects of agriculture and I get to help students learn real life career and technical skills, which is super exciting to me."

"This internship experience offers new, practical experiences and professional development in the agricultural education field," says Lindgren. "What a great experience for future agriculture teachers!"

The purpose of the Agricultural Education Internship is to spark an interest in current undergraduate students to consider entering the teaching profession and to provide hands-on experience as an agriculture teacher. The experience will focus on summer programing, such as Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) visits, county fairs and FFA leadership retreats. One week of the internship will be spent at the Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators (MAAE) summer conference, providing opportunities for professional development and networking.

This internship was made possible by donations from AgriBank and MAELC, along with additional support from a STAR grant.

Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Megan Ellingworth and Alex Lound of Wadena, a baby boy, Emmett George weighing six pounds, one ounce on June 4, 2018.

Born to Tamara and Josh Bratton of Little Falls, a baby girl, Esmae Heavenlee weighing seven pounds, two ounces on June 5, 2018.

Born to Carolynn and Isaac Andersen of Bertha, a baby girl, Annabelle Diane weighing six pounds on June 6, 2018.

Born to Kayla and Jason Kneisl of Verndale, a baby girl, Lydia Rae weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on June 6, 2018.

Born to Loretta and Brandon Kurowski of Pierz, a baby boy, Bryson Joseph weighing seven pounds, three ounces on June 7, 2018.

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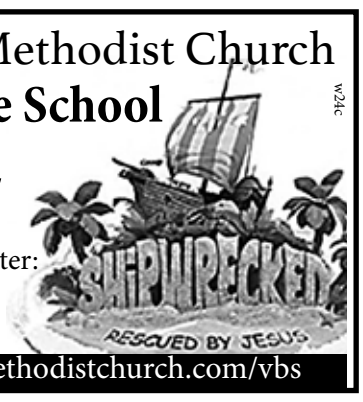
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Obituaries



Barbara Cline

Barbara "Barb" Cline, 72, of Staples, died June 11, 2018, after bravely battling leukemia for two years and three months. She was surrounded by her family and passed peacefully.

A Memorial Service will be held June 23, 2018, at 11 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St., Motley. Visitation will be held June 22 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Staples Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Staples.

Inurnment will be held at a later date at the Camp Ripley National Cemetery.

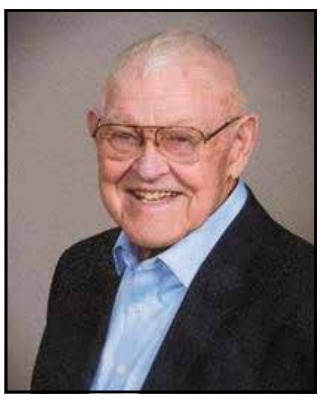
Barb was born August 26, 1945 in Brainerd to Delores (Brown) and Roy Larson. She was raised in Motley with her five sisters and two brothers. She married David Cline on December 12, 1966 in Mound.

Barb spent her working years in the Customized Training Field, retiring as a Customized Training Representative for Central Lakes College in 2013. After retirement, Barb worked for three years as the Director of the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce. She was a gifted singer and loved all things musical. She participated in the Staples Area Women's Chorus for 37 years, serving on the Chorus Executive Board for many of those years. Barb's passion was bringing music to as many people as possible. She was very involved in the "Her Voice, Her Song" events in Staples; singing at nursing homes, care centers, funerals and weddings for countless years. She was deeply devoted to her family and often said her favorite times were spent with them.

Barb is survived by her husband; one daughter, Jennifer (James) Mulholland of Breezy Point; two sons, Jonathan (Katie) Cline and Jason (Lindsey) Cline, both of Aitkin; four sisters, Beverly Zabrowski, Sandy (Gary) Winkle, Patsy Johnson and Debora Larson; brother, Daryl Larson; three step-sisters, Beverly Hahn, Barbara Dahl, Bonnie (Wayne) Witkop; step-brother, Jerry Pribbenow; 14 nephews, 10 nieces and eight grandchildren.

Barb was preceeded in death by her parents, Roy Larson and Delores Pribbenow; step-father, Arthur Pribbenow; sister, Sharon; brother, Ronald; father-in-law, Roy; mother-in-law, Dorothy; five brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law and three nephews.

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Howard Tyrrell

Howard Troy Tyrrell, 94, of Browerville passed away peacefully June 10, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services were held June 13, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

Burial was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home, Browerville.

Howard was born February 10, 1924 on the family farm in Ward Township, Todd County, to Jay and Stella (Grey) Tyrrell. In his youth, he was a member of the Batavia Church of Christ and Todd County 4-H. He graduated from Staples High School in 1942. He was elected as State President of the Minnesota Future Farmers of America, 1942-43. He took over the family farm in 1945, which was homesteaded in 1873. He married his high school sweetheart, Marlys Berg, at First English Lutheran Church (Faith Lutheran) on June 16, 1945, in Staples. They farmed together on Oak Crest Farm for nearly 70 years. Howard served on several boards including: Board of Director of Staples State Bank Ward Township Clerk, Todd County Board of Soil and Water, Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Herd Code #1 and American Guernsey Cattle Club. He was a charter member of the Minnesota FFA Hall of Fame, and a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Howard loved farming the land, milking and raising registered Guernsey cattle and continued to do field work into his 90's. He was one of the first area farmers to have irrigation in Todd County and practiced conservation farming to benefit wildlife and agriculture. He enjoyed all the wildlife on the farm, along with deer hunting and spending winters in Texas and other parts of the United States.

Howard is survived by two daughters, Eloise (Mike) Thorson, Browerville and Lynette (Jim) Vossen, New London; one son, Dennis (Cheryl) Tyrrell, Browerville; eight grandchildren, Karl (Melissa) and Erik (Sara) Thorson; Jakin (Amanda) Tyrrell, Nichole (Nathan) Deyle, Troy (Heather) Tyrrell, Brent (Katie) Tyrrell; Shawn (Bethanna) Vossen and Stephanie (Lee) Tollefsrud; 18 great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law Lois Zappe; cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two brothers, Everett and Ray; three sisters. Edith, Blanche and Eva and great- grandson Gabriel.

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Judith Reichel

Judith Ann Marie Reichel, 78, of Staples passed away June 10, 2018 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, June 16 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with Father Joe Korf officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 15 at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples and one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Woodland Cemetery in New York Mills.

Arrangements were with Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Judy was born May 6, 1940 to Leo and Lydia Niemi. She graduated from Staples High School in 1958. She married Roger W. Reichel on April 11, 1959. She spent a majority of her adult life as a caring wife and mother raising her own children and helping raise many of her grandchildren.

Judy is survived by eight children, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents and one brother, Michael.

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Mike Shoquist

Mike Shoquist, 58, of Hollywood, FL passed away May 31, 2018, following a bicycle accident.

Memorial services are pending.

Mike was born April 4, 1960, to Bill and Judi (Dedrickson) Shoquist in Prior Lake. He was a former resident of Prior Lake, Brainerd and Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Mike was part of the Shogun Racing Team owned by his father, Bill Shoquist and Shogun and Tuff Tow Industries.

He is survived by his mother; one daugter, Angela (Justin) Gerdes; four grandchildren, Jordan, Aubrey, Aylessa and Destiny of Brainerd; one brother, Dan Shoquist; sister-in-law, Elece; and two nephews, Breagan and Colton.

He was preceded in death by his father; one brother, David; grandparents Cliff and Lucille Shoquist and Kenny and Laurie Dedrickson.

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CEO program welcomes eight new students

Central MN CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) Program welcomed eight new CEO's to join this year's upcoming 2018-19 class.

These students represent different high schools in the area. They included: Jayson Young, Franchesca Bakken, Jaron Englund, Chase Domier, Caleb Cully and Summer Rodriguez from Wadena-Deer Creek; Sarah Barrett from Verndale; and Nicholas Johnson from Sebeka.

Throughout the program, participants will have the opportunity for real life learning through business visits, guest speakers and one-on-one mentorship. By the end of the year, each CEO will have created their own functioning business, participated in a class business and grown their network to dozens of business people and active leaders in the community.

Provided by the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship, the CEO Program is currently in 45 communities across the United States, impacting nearly 600 students each year and shaping the communities in which it takes place.

Small scale entrepreneurship- such as that supported in the CEO Program- has been proven to positively impact economic growth, and the cultivation of life skills like those encouraged in the CEO Program, and are undeniably helping to set our high schoolers up for success as they venture into life after high school.

The program will begin in September of this year, preceded by orientation which takes place the first week of school.

There's still room for more students. For more information about the program or to learn how you can get involved, visit www.centralmnceo.com or contact Bob Jackson at 218-895-2138.



Staples Host Lions donations

The Staples Host Lions Club recently made two donations in the amount of $1,000, with presentations made by Lion President Mike Gedde. Pictured above with the check for the Staples-Motley Grad Blast; from left, Holly Carlson, grad blast committee member; Lion President Gedde; Stacy DeMars, Dawn Timbs) Denise Allshouse, grad blast committee members. Below with the check for Get Hooked on Fishing, not Drugs, include from left, Jamie Dolezal, Staples Fire Department (SFD) firefighter; Ron Case, Staples Police Department officer; Lion President Gedde; Jeremy Reeck, SFD firefighter. (Staples World photos by





Final business visits of the year

The 2017-18 CEO class took their last trip to visit two businesses - First Avenue and US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. Alumni, current students and future students were invited. Participants included, in front, from left, Caitlin Savage, Molly Lindgren, Sarah Moen, Mikayla Sauber and Nicholas Johnson. In second row, from left, Cindi Koll (facilitator), Frannie Bakken, Katie Johnson, Amber Moen, Ryan Gerard, Zach Strickland and Rachel Paskewitz. (Submitted photo)



Sprinkle and Sprout gift

Marilyn Hall, right, representing the Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club accepted a donation from President Jim Vogel of the Staples Rotary Club. The garden club takes care of the flower planting area near the caboose on the east side of Staples as well as several other locations. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

JCI Staples members receive honors

JCI members from Staples include, from left, Scott Lenk, Robin Rothstein, Zachariah Johnson, Megan Haber, Paige Lenk, and Samantha Fischer all attended the JCI MN Annual State convention May 18-20, in Willmar. There were individual development competitions, training and awards, were many opportunities for chapters to share ideas about their most effective projects, having the most impact.

JCI Staples received numerous awards at the convention, including: Parade of Chapters, 2nd place; Outstanding Chapter, Silver; Public Relations Program,Silver; and Most Chapter Road Runs; 4.

Paige Lenk was the recipient of several awards including: The Bill Butler Memorial Award (national) for new Jaycees; 3rd degrees in the Passport to Civic Leadership program; the Speak Up competition, 1st; Most individual Road Runs; 5 and Gold Vice President for Spring Convention.

Other JCI Staples members recognized included: Megan Haber, 3rd; most individual Road Run with 685 miles; Robin Rothstein, Bronze; Outstanding Jaycee,Scott Lenk, Outstanding Alumni.

The JCI is an organization of active young citizens ages 18 to 40, engaged and committed to creating an impact in their communities. The Jaycees provide development opportunities that empower people to create positive change. More information can be found at JCIMN.ORG or contact President Samantha Fischer at 507-766-0238.

NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES
CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The following precincts located in Cass County have elected to vote by mail ballot procedure in statewide elections as authorized under Minnesota Statutes 204B.45. All other precincts vote at their designated polling place on election day.

MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS			
Ansel Township	Bull Moose Township	Loon Lake Township	Salem Township
Backus	Byron Township	Meadow Brook Township	Slater Township
Barclay Township	Chickamaw Beach	Moose Lake Township	Smoky Hollow Township
Becker Township	Deerfield Township	Motley-part in Cass County only	Sucker Lakes Unorg.
Bena	Federal Dam	Ottertail Peninsula Township	Torrey Township
Beulah Township	Gould Township	Pine Lake Township	Thunder Lake Township
Birch Lake Township	Hardwood South Unorg.	Poplar Township	Wahnena Unorg.
Blind Lake Township	Homebrook Township	Remer	Walden Township
Boy Lake Township	Inguadona Township	Remer Township	Willow River Unorg.
Boy River	Lima Township	Rogers Point Unorg.	Wilson Township
Boy River Township	Longville	Rogers Township	Winnie Portage Unorg.

For 2018 statewide elections, the election dates and corresponding dates that ballots will be mailed for the foregoing mail ballot precincts are:

Statewide Primary Election: August 14, 2018 Ballot Mailing Dates: July 12 – July 31, 2018

Statewide General Election: November 6, 2018 Ballot Mailing Dates: Oct. 4 – Oct. 23, 2018

Each voter registered by July 24, 2018 for the Statewide Primary Election, or October 16, 2018 for the Statewide General Election will be mailed a ballot automatically.

Eligible voters not pre-registered by these dates, or pre-registered voters wishing to receive their ballot at a temporary address, may apply for an absentee ballot.

Voters may register and apply for an absentee ballot on-line by visiting mnvote.org or the elections and voting pages of the Cass County website at www.co.cass.mn.us. For paper applications or assistance, call 218-547-7260.

Ballots may be returned by mail (a postage prepaid return envelope is included when the ballots are mailed), delivered in person by the voter, or delivered by designated agent to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484. Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day in order to be counted. Normal business hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Voters with disabilities and other special needs, either permanent or temporary, may access a voter assist terminal to mark their ballot by bringing their ballot and ballot envelopes to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at the address noted above, or other designated absentee voting locations.

Officials are also available at these locations to complete the witness requirements for mail ballots. Instructions are included with each ballot. The back of the return envelope must be signed by the voter and witnessed by any the following:

1. anyone registered to vote in Minnesota, *including a spouse or relative,*
2. a notary public, or
3. a person with the authority to administer oaths.

Prompt return of voted ballots is encouraged so that any omitted requirements can be corrected in advance of election day. Ballots are processed when received, and voters will be notified if there is a problem. Voters casting a mail ballot may also track their ballot on-line by visiting the website of the Minnesota Secretary of State at mnvote.org.

In additional to the normal business hours, extended hours for mail ballot voting (for in-person drop off, voter assist terminal access or absentee voting for non-registered voters) are:

Statewide Primary Election: Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday, August 13, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, August 14, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Statewide General Election: Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday, November 5, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, November 6, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The counting of mail ballots will be completed at the Cass County Courthouse after 8:00 p.m. on the respective election dates.

Additional information is available by contacting the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN, phone 218-547-7260. 24pnc

TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
215 First Ave. South
Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1. **Richard Meemken:** Part of Lot 1 Section 22 in Burnhamville Township
Site Address: 33636 State 28 PIN: 06-0031600, 06-0031700, 06-0031800
1) Request to build cabin with walkout basement to be 130 ft. from the lake instead of the required 150 ft. setback and put roof over existing deck.

2. **Kenneth A. Meyer:** Lots 27 & 28 of Block 2 in Grey Eagle Township
Site Address: 29573 Arbor Drive PIN: 11-0056500
1) Replace existing deck with grade patio of up to 250 sq. ft.
2) Increase the maximum allowable building height from 18 ft. to 28 ft.
Note: Variance for parcel to build at 60' was previously granted. Proposal will increase the size of the home from 672 sq.ft. to approximately 1,900 sq feet within setback.

3. **Brian and Constance Levin:** Part of SE corner of Gov't Lot 4 of Section 20 in Gordon Township
Site Address: 12502 170th St. PIN: 10-0016000
1) Reduce the required set back of 50 ft. to 16 ft. to construct add on a bedroom, bathroom and laundry room.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters.

Todd County
Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair
24pnc

NOTICE
WADENA COUNTY FRIENDLY RIDER TRANSIT
229 Harry Rich Dr.
Wadena, MN 56482
218-631-5730

Notice is hereby given that on Sunday, July 1, 2018 Wadena County Friendly Rider Transit will end the New Service Expansion Route from Wadena, MN to Brainerd, MN.

Randy Jahnke
Wadena County Transit
Director
23-26pnc

PUBLIC NOTICES: **Your Right to Know**



Todd County HHS supervisor job denied

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

For the lack of a motion at the June 5, 2018 meeting of the Todd County Commissioners, the request by Health and Human Services to hire a child services supervisor failed.

This position and the need for it was discussed at length at a work session in May.

Jackie Och, health and human services director, and Todd Weyer, child protection division supervisor, described the increased work load and how some duties are required to be completed by a supervisor experienced in child protection. Weyer said he averages more than 100 hours per pay period.

Administrative assistant

After discussion, the board, with Commissioner David Kircher opposed, approved the request to hire a full-time administrative assistant. The pay range is $18.17 - $23.02 per hour.

Kircher said that when the former coordinator Joe Hatch had tried to get this approved a couple of times, it was denied.

"Now he's gone and we're going to do it?" questioned Kircher.

Chairman Randy Neumann said that it had a lot to do with the lack of a job description for the position. Although he asked several times, he never got one.

He said that Interim Coordinator Chris Pelzer and Human Resources Manager Sarah Ogden had now developed one.

In reviewing the description, Kircher said that he felt the education requirements were too lax.

Pelzer said that as an office support position, it matches the education requirements of others in a similar position throughout the county.

Adding a full-time administrative assistant would allow for data entry and backup of payroll, help to scan the back log of personnel files, and help update the human resource information system with the backlog of personnel information. This additional person will allow for more time to audit and ensure billings are correct and accurate.

County coordinator

The board approved hiring David Drown Associates as a search firm for the recruitment of a county coordinator. The cost to the county is $9,500 with NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) paying $7,500.

The updated county coordinator job description was approved as was a description for an interim coordinator. MIS Director Chris Pelzer is currently in that position.

Staples housing project

After discussion, the board approved sending a letter of support for the Mill Townhomes Project in Staples. It is for a 42 unit project for low to moderate income families and is being promoted as workforce housing.

The letter requesting the letter of support from Deanna Hemmesch of Central MN Housing Partnership, Inc. also requested a donation of $1,000 for the project, but the board opted not to include any monetary support at this time. They had discussed donating $500.

If the grant for the project were not funded, the county would have no financial obligation.

In other business the board:

- Granted the subdivision request for a final plat named Reese Estates in Villard Township.
- Approved the transfer of funds in the amount of $89,535.74 from Fund 03-Public Works to Fund 37-Building Construction for the Northern Shop Cold Storage Building Project.
- Appointed Commissioner David Kircher and Commissioner Gary Kneisl as non-voting members to the Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board effective immediately. Commissioner Rod Erickson was appointed as an alternate.
- Due to the poor exterior condition of the Todd County Historical Society building at the fairgrounds, the board opted to approve the nonbudgeted request of $23,093.78 for exterior repairs with sidewall exterior wainscot and to use the Facilities Improvement Fund with work to be completed prior to the 2018 Todd County Fair. As presented at a May work session, the board learned that there are multiple leaks with the chance of ruining historic artifacts. Three bids were submitted, the lowest was from Long Prairie Lumber for $22,893.78. Which includes the replacement of the roof, siding, soffit and fascia. The bottom exterior wainscot is $200.
- The board approved the request to have two summer interns in the County Extension Office, one to work on agriculture topics and one for 4-H. The interns will be university-hired students and NJPA (new name Sourcewell) will reimburse the county for the interns after the summer 2018 term is complete.
- The U of M Extension and counties operate in partnership at the county extension office with a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for educational program staffing. Currently, Todd County has an ag educator focused on livestock topics at 0.75 FTE and a 4-H program coordinator at 0.875 FTE. The board approved the new MOA at the same staffing levels. The financial sides for the county are: $135,667 for year 2019, $138,380 for year 2020, and $141,148 for year 2021.
- Approved a Hold Harmless Agreement to replace a private crossing on CD18 from David Sticha in Iona Township Section 21.
- Approved an extension of the contract for Corbin Pickar Excavating for work which was unable to be completed because of weather conditions, freezing temps in winter and frost coming out late in the spring. The work was to be done by June 15. They still have lateral #2 on CD18 with 1.4 miles left to excavate and approximately 13 miles of spoil to level. The extension was granted until Oct. 1, 2018.
- In what County Engineer Loren Fellbaum called a "win-win-win," the board approved selling road building material to Tri-City Paving, Inc. at the county demolition landfill.

According to Solid Waste Supervisor Jeremy Claseman, Tri-City requested approval from the Todd County Solid Waste Department to produce road building material/aggregate, which includes the production of bituminous asphalt pavement, in the Todd County Demolition Landfill (specifically in the area that has been designated as the future location of the expansion cell).

The Todd County Fee schedule had to be updated to include road building material from the landfill at a price of $1.50/ton, that this material can only be used for construction of roads in Todd County, and that material can only be mined from the location of the proposed expansion cell.

In essence, Tri-City will be digging the expansion pit the county wants at the demo landfill and will be paying the county for the materials excavated.

- Approved the purchase of three new in-squad cameras from Watch Guard for $15,735 for the sheriff's department and the purchase of two Stalker Radar units to install into squad cars. The cost for the two units is $5,471. Board protocol states purchases over $5,000 have to have board approval.
- Todd County has the responsibility of ensuring that the Wetland Conservation Act WCA is implemented on lands under its jurisdiction. It is common in rural areas that small towns and cities do not have the expertise to address WCA concerns. The State BWSR has considered this and has recommended that these cities and towns delegate the authority to handle WCA to another authority such as Todd County. This was to have happen in early 1990s, but never was completed. County staff have been assisting cities and towns, but really need the authority to do this. On May 21, 2018 the City of Eagle Bend requested that the county assume authority and administrative responsibility for WCA. It was approved.

Planning and Zoning Director Tim Stieber expects that other requests will be coming.

- Heard a brief presentation by Dr. Quinn Strobl, Todd County Medical Examiner from the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office. The full report is available on the county website at www.co.todd.mn.us.
- Adopted a Wellness Program Mission and Goals for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 program years.

This approval will make it possible for the county to apply for a $9,000 grant from NJPA.



Two injured in crash at Hwy 210, Cty 11

Tyler Ginevan, 26, and Dominic Fonseca, 21, of Maryland both sustained non-life threatening injuries June 7, when their vehicle, a 2004 Infinity G35, collided with a 1998 Freightliner truck, driven by Holden Rautio, 27, of Henning. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Ginevan, the driver of the Infinity, was eastbound on 210 and the Freightliner was southbound on Cty Rd 11. The two vehicles collided at the intersection in Bartlett Township. The incident occurred at approximately noon and road conditions were dry. No alcohol was involved. Pictured in foreground at the scene is Deputy Jon Barber, Todd County Sheriff's Office. In background are Staples Fire Department firefighters Darren Holst, Todd Hoemberg, Kyle Braith, Scott Meech, Scott Yungbauer. Ginevan and Fonseca were transported by the Staples Ambulance to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Dads and children share the same work ethic, but bring different talents and strengths

the family business.

Being a part of their community is important to the Bjergas, all of whom have roots in the area. Erv graduated from Motley High School in 1957; Jeff in 1982; and Kristin is a 1989 graduate of Staples-Motley High School.

Staples Precision Metalcraft, Inc.

Working together has been a positive experience for both Al Bendson and his son, Wade Bendson, owners of Staples Precision Metalcraft, Inc.

Al, a 1964 Staples High School graduate, started the business in 1986. Wade, a 1990 Staples-Motley High School grad, came on board full-time in 1996.

The Bendsons had a dairy farm as well, so he has worked along side his dad for as long as he can remember, Wade said. When he was younger, he wanted to work at his dad's business, but that changed when he reached his teen years. He was a typical teen, Wade went on. "I had bigger and better plans." As he grew older, however, he realized he really missed working with his dad.

"He's a very hard worker," Wade said of his dad, adding that he's the "go-to person" if he can't figure something out at work. "I'm still learning," he said. Although their work styles are different (Wade said his dad is more straightforward than he is with his approach to a job) he can't remember them ever arguing. "Ninety-nine percent of the time he's right," Wade laughed.

Al said that it's been a great experience working with his son, adding that they think similarly about things.

Even when he's not at work, Wade says his dad is someone he enjoys spending time with. They camp and fish together in Park Rapids on occasion, experiences Wade said he doesn't take for granted. "Not everyone has that," he said.

Olander Tooling

Roy Olander moved from the Twin Cities area to Staples in 1972 to start his own business, Olander Tooling. A 1959 graduate of Staples High School, Roy always wanted to come back to this area to raise his family (he and his wife Mary Lou have 11 children). After working out of his garage for several years, he moved his business to its present location in 2003.

The Olanders family also farmed, and his children all did their share of milking cows and cutting hay throughout the years. Roy's son, Matt, a 1996 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, came on board at his dad's tooling business in 2003. He bought the business in 2011.

Roy said that in any business, the older people need to know when to step aside and let the younger ones take over. "That's the only way to stay competitive," he said. Roy went on to note that so much of the work in this line of business is done with computer programs these days. That is definitely something that Matt knows more about.

Although Roy has technically retired and handed the reins over to his son, Matt said that on those days he has "head scratchers," his dad is the one he takes his questions to.

Being able to work with Matt both in farming and at Olander Tooling has "been great," Roy said. Matt agreed, adding that they've always done a lot of hunting together too, along with his brothers Keith and Ben.

"We have the same work ethic," Matt said of his dad. Doing the job right and doing it well are more important than making money, he said.

Williams Floral

Williams Floral in Staples has been a family business for over 90 years. Current owner Frank Williams, a 1965 Staples High School graduate, remembers working there as a teen and then coming on board full-time when he got out of the service in 1971.

His grandfather Louis started the shrubbery portion of the business in 1927; and Frank's father James (Jim) started the flower shop in 1946. He learned a lot from his dad, Frank said, but didn't have the opportunity to work a lot with his grandpa. "He died when I was 10."

Frank's son, Pat, is now a part of the family operation as well. A 1994 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, Pat worked at the nursery during his teen years, just like his dad had. He moved away from Staples for awhile, but has been back for the past few years, working along side his dad.

After high school, Frank studied floral design and Pat went through a year of horticulture school in Crookston. Most of what they've learned, however, has been from their on-the-job experience. His dad's been a good teacher, Pat said.

The two say they work together well, although they have different styles. Pat describes himself as being more laid back than his dad. He also prefers to work evenings, in contrast to his dad who is at the shop first thing in the morning.

What's been the secret to working successfully together as a family? "Be patient and don't keep grudges," Frank said.

Nyhus Chevrolet

Ron and Justin Biebighauser, the father and son team at 'Ron Biebighauser's Nyhus Chevrolet' in Staples, have worked together for the past 10 years.

Originally from the Twin Cities, the Biebighausers moved north 30 years ago. Ron, who currently lives in Nisswa, purchased the automobile business in Staples in 1992.

Justin, who graduated from Pequot Lakes High School and went on to attend St. Cloud State University, never intended to follow in his dad's footsteps.

So, it was a big surprise to Ron when he attended his son's college football banquet in 2007 and heard Justin's answer to the question, 'Where do you see yourself after you leave college?'

Justin's response? He saw himself taking over his dad's business someday.

He studied business management at college, Justin shared. Books can teach you a lot, he went on, but they don't teach you how to treat people and how to work hard. These are the sorts of things he learned from his dad, Justin said.

He's never regretted the decision, Justin said, adding that he officially bought into the business three years ago.

They've enjoyed the opportunity to work together, but Ron has begun working less as he transitions toward retirement.

Although the heart of their business has remained the same, there have been some changes over the years. "Technology is the biggest one," Ron said. When he first started out, everything was handwritten. Now, you have to be computer savvy to keep track of all things related to the business, including sales and oil changes. He's glad that Justin, who grew up with computers, is on board to lead the business as it enters a new era.

Spot Cafe

Darrel and Dianna McFedries have owned the Spot Cafe in Staples since 2008 and expanded their business to Motley in 2015.

Their children, John, Jack and Joelene, have all had the opportunity to work at the restaurant over the years.

Joelene, a 2007 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, said she started out as a dishwasher when she was just a teen. From there she's waitressed, cooked and is currently managing the Staples cafe, while finishing up her college degree in early childhood education.

She's learned a lot from working alongside her dad, Joelene said, including "knowing how to stay calm when it's busy" and to just "laugh off the hard times." Her dad is a hard worker and that's a trait he's passed down to her, Joelene said. She learned how to cook from her dad. His spaghetti pie recipe is her favorite.

Joelene's daughter, seven-year-old Teressa, says she likes working with her grandpa. "It's fun," she said, adding that he's taught her how to crack an egg one-handed. She can even talk and look at someone when she's doing it, just like grandpa.

"She's a future waitress," Darrel laughed, adding that it's been a gift to work with his children and now grandchildren.



•Election Judge Training Available•

The Todd County Auditor's Office will be offering Election Judge Training for all persons interested in earning/maintaining their two hour certification on:

•Weds., June 27 and Thurs., June 28, 2018
at the Browerville Community Center
AND
•Mon., June 25, Tues., June 26 and Fri., June 29, 2018
at the Historic Courthouse in Long Prairie.

Call the Todd County Auditor's Office at 320-732-4414 to register. Registration will close on June 22, 2018.

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Drama in the hurdle finals

Max Giza, center, is just a half step behind first place in the 110 meter hurdle finals, as one finalist trips on a hurdle and the rest of the field tries to catch up. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Giza wins three medals at state track

Max Giza blew away the field in the pole vault for a state championship, then finished second in the 110 hurdles and fourth in the 300 hurdles to bring home two more medals from the state track meet June 8-9.

Emmet Anderson, the other Staples-Motley athlete at the meet, finished the 3,200 meter final in 13th place with his best time of the year, 10:01.

Giza started the meet on June 8 with the second fastest 110 hurdle preliminary race, a season best 15.16.

He moved on to pole vault, then easily cleared 12'6". He passed on 12'9" and cleared 13 feet on his first attempt. Only three other competitors were left at that point, and they all cleared 13'3" while Giza passed again. At 13'6", Giza made it on his first attempt while two others faltered.

With only one competitor left, Giza quickly made 13'9" and 14'0", again without missing, then had to go warm up for the 300 hurdles preliminary race. While he was away, the other competitor missed all three tries and Giza became the state champ, without a miss, and while running another race.

Perhaps tired from vaulting, Giza finished the 300 hurdle preliminaries with the seventh fastest qualifying time at 40.59.

He returned to the pole vault and cleared 14'6", and made three attempts at 14'10". All were close but barely knocked off the bar.

The next day, the day of the finals, Giza improved on both his hurdle times to place second and fourth.



Winning height

Giza clears the bar at 14'6" to put some distance on the rest of the pole vault field. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Running with the big dogs

Emmet Anderson runs in the pack in the 3,200 meter state finals. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

State golfers on day one

Alix Peterson posted an opening round of 87 in the Minnesota State Golf Meet on June 12, placing her in 38th place in the Class AA girls meet.

Beck Erholtz shot a 41 on the front nine, but the rest of the boys scores were not posted when this newspaper went to press.

(Note: the Staples World now sends newspapers to print by 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.)



Cardinals at nationals

Two Staples-Motley graduates met up at the NCAA Division II National Track and Field meet at Charlotte, N.C., in May, as Millie Klefsaas was pole vaulting for North Greenville University of South Carolina and Brian Huber was long jumping for Minnesota State - Moorhead. Above they're pictured holding Huber's national championship trophy.

Klefsaas who didn't place at nationals had a successful season, according to NGU. She finished the season as the school's record holder in the pole vault, first vault athlete to make an appearance on the national championship stage for North Greenville University, set school records in the 60 and 100 meter hurdles and in the pole vault, she was the third-ranked freshman in the nation. Klefsaas swept the 2018 Conference Carolinas Championship events as a freshman, earning the top height in both the indoor and outdoor pole vault. (Submitted photo)



Summer rec snapshots

Staples-Motley Community Education summer recreation programs have started in full swing, with tennis, baseball, other school sports having their first camps and practices. Pictured above, Nick Doll, left, shows girls and boys tennis players which way to point their rackets after hitting a forehand. Below, Little League baseball players practice drills on their first day. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Dragonflies a sign of the season, or good luck ...

New life breaks out this time of year in such forms as goslings and ducklings following their parents on feeding expeditions, tiny loons hitching a ride on a parent's back, or a spotted fawn close by its mother's side. New life also happens on a much smaller scale, sometimes in forms we might find less endearing; less "cute," as we're inclined to say.

New life is happening in the insect world, too, much of it out of sight of more conspicuous and dominant creatures, like us. With fishing and time on the water in the plans of so many, we just might stumble onto some pretty interesting and unexpected developments in this less visible domain of the animal kingdom.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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One new life event that I find fascinating is in full swing now on many Minnesota lakes. It's the emergence of dragonflies, which leave their first home underwater to become the flying creatures we're far more familiar with. It's not a transformation that rivals the butterflies for color and variety, but it's a dramatic demonstration of Nature's ingenious designs, and – if you have the typical Minnesotan's dislike of mosquitoes – has a welcome impact on humans.

The stage that leads up to the butterfly – the caterpillar – couldn't be more harmless to other creatures, unless you're a milkweed plant, or an aspen tree denuded of its leaves by an infestation of tent caterpillars. Creatures other than target plant species have little to fear from any of the many varieties of caterpillar.

Not so the immature dragonfly, which is an underwater predator of the first order. In its aquatic stage – called a nymph – it obtains oxygen entirely underwater as a fish does, but through gills along its abdomen rather than in its mouth. When it leaves the underwater world behind for an adult life in the atmosphere, it will obtain oxygen from the air as it feeds and prepares to complete its life cycle.

But during its underwater stage the dragonfly is a fearsome looking creature, despite being well under two inches in length. In the era of B-grade 1950s science fiction horror movies, one might imagine it being magnified several hundred times to star in a film that could have been entitled "Invasion of the Giant Dragonflies." (Consider, too, that 300 million years ago, dragonflies were the size of seagulls.)

If you happen to be an underwater insect, a very small fish or even an immature amphibian – like a tadpole – you could well be on the menu for its next meal. The dragonfly nymph has an extendable, hooked, lower jaw, called a ladium. When a water beetle, mosquito larva, tadpole or small minnow gets too close, this jaw can be extended in a rapid strike to secure the unsuspecting victim.

The stage when we see dragonflies, as adults, is a small fraction of the creature's life. It can spend several years as an underwater nymph, having hatched from an egg in a cluster dropped from the abdomen of an adult female. During the nymph stage it might molt – shedding its old skin as it grows larger – as much as a dozen times. With these changes in size the dragonfly nymph is progressively able to capture larger prey.

After a typically years-long period of growth and molting, the maturing dragonfly nymph crawls out of the water, sometimes traveling many feet from the shoreline that marks the boundary of its former life. Clinging to a rock, a log or maybe a lakeshore resident's Adirondack chair, the nymph splits its skin, and out crawls a very different looking creature, with outsized eyes, a bulky abdomen, long slender tail and gleaming, transparent wings.

This scenario is very different from another familiar lake-born insect, the well-known – not so say infamous – mayfly that we know generically as the "fish fly." The nymphs of all mayfly species swim to the surface and while afloat there split their skin, dry their wings and take flight from the water as a transformed adult.

The adult dragonfly's wings must unfold and dry before it can fly. But once airborne, the adult is just as efficient and fierce a predator as the nymph was under water. Humans benefit because adult dragonflies catch and consume many mosquitoes. They also consume various species of flies, and – the larger species – even moths or butterflies.

After a period lasting several weeks to several months, adult dragonflies that have not been eaten by such common predators as birds or frogs – or smashed on a vehicle's windshield – will reach the end of their comparatively short life. Female and male will mate, sometimes in midair, and the female will deposit her eggs in shallow water, and the cycle will begin again.

Fewer anglers fish with bobbers these days. But I remember more than a few outings for panfish – first with a cane pole, later with a spincast reel and rod – when a dragonfly would alight on the red-and-white float we watched patiently in the hope that it would be pulled under by a cooperative bluegill, or maybe even a bass. Such dragonfly visitations were said to bring good luck. But if nothing else, they always brought my attention back to the important business at hand, armed with just a bit more confidence.

Classified Advertising DELIVERS

Trident Seafoods, Motley, is hiring a **Temporary Landscaping Laborer** for the summer

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For all classified ads, including garage sales, is *5 p.m. Monday*
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Garage Sales

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TWO GARAGE SALES - MULTI-FAMILIES: Fri., June 15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., June 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. From Staples: East on Warner Rd., N 1 mi. on Cty. Rd. 32, Johnsons/Walters. Watch for signs. Clothing: all sizes; Coach purses, cabinets/furniture from remodeled house, 2000 Honda generator, snowblower, hunting/fishing items, attachment for John Deere lawn mower (bagger that picks up leaves). ssw24p

GARAGE SALE: Thurs., June 14, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Fri., June 15, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mary and Ron Petersons, 5th St. & Oak Ave. S., Staples. Follow signs. ssw24p

HUGE GROUP SALE: Don't miss this one! **Thurs., June 7, Fri., June 8, Sat., June 9 AND June 21 - 23, 8 - 5 p.m.** Adding new items every day. 7 mi. SW of Staples, 21775 State Hwy. #210. w23-ssw24p

GARAGE SALE: Fri., June 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 1030 Pleasant Ave. NE, Staples. Boy's clothing, a lot of toys, Christmas decorations, tons of misc. ssw24p

ESTATE SALE: 25260 U.S. Frontage, Hwy. 10 W, Staples. **Thurs., June 7 - Sun., June 10 AND Thurs., June 14 - Sun., June 17: 9 a.m. - ?** Everything must go. ssw23-ssw24p

MOVING SALE: Rain or shine inside house/garage. **Fri., June 15, Sat., June 16 , 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** Furniture, antique dolls, tools/ etc., brush mower, many items. From Staples: Hwy. 210 W., 47472 Cty. 68, Hewitt. ssw24p

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GARAGE SALE: Thurs., June 14, 2-8 p.m., Fri., June 15, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 220 Long Prairie Rd., Staples. 2 cribs, computer desk, clothing: infant - 2X, a lot of AVON - after 36 years, need to get rid of. Lots of misc. w25p

TWO PARTY GARAGE SALE: Fri., June 15, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. 414 Nebraska Ave., Staples. Furniture, household items, canning jars, women's clothing, jigsaw puzzles, lg. pictures. w25p

GARAGE SALE: **Fri., June 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m, Sat., June 16, 9 a.m.-noon.** Furniture, antiques, housewares. From Staples: East on Warner Road to 85th Ave. SW. w24p

GARAGE SALE: Toys, stuffed animals, books, games, shoes, clothing: girl's sz. 12-14, young mens. **Thurs., June 14, 4-8 p.m., Fri., June 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** 707 Prairie Ave. NE, Staples. w24p

MOVING SALE: Fri., June 13 - Fri., June 22, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Richard and Kathryn Motl, 24087 430th St., Browerville. Many outside and household items, antiques, 9 cords seasoned firewood, plus items used to make wood, wood splitter, H Farmall w/snow bucket. Follow signs South on Cty. Rd. #21. 218-894-1669. ssw23-25p

Motley may add temporary officers

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Interim Police Chief Jason Borash hopes to add at least two temporary intermittent officers to the Motley Police Department (MPD) in the near future.

Borash broached the subject at the regular Motley City Council meeting June 11, noting that he is currently the only officer on the roster. He is scheduled to work 40 hours a week, during which he is expected to patrol the streets as well as do the required paperwork.

It would be especially helpful to have additional coverage during the busy summer months, Borash said. He indicated that he knew a couple of officers that are already familiar with the MPD's system. He did not feel they would need training.

Council member Amy Hutchison said she was not opposed to the idea, if the officers could work weekends. Other council members voiced their support as well. "We need this," council member Jace Carlson said.

Interim Chief Borash said his goal would be to have two temporary intermittent officers work a total of 40 hours between the two of them. Carlson said he'd like to see three officers on board for the summer, working 60 hours per week between the three of them.

City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja said that there is money in the budget for this, as the department has spent 30 percent less than was budgeted for wages and benefits. As of June 7, the police department had spent a total of $69,201.46 of the total budget of $184,780. The balance is currently $115,578.54.

Because the temporary intermittent officers would not be receiving benefits, Interim Police Chief Borash believes the department could afford to hire up to three officers for the summer months.

After some discussion, it was decided that Chief Borash should check with the officers he had in mind to see if they would be willing to fill these temporary positions. At that point, a special meeting will be called to discuss the hourly wage and to vote on the matter. Smieja will also need to post the meeting for three days.

In other matters the council:

- HEARD a summary of a closed meeting held May 14, regarding the performance review for Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director. Brotherton received a total of 50.8 out of a possible 56 points. Mayor Al Yoder congratulated Brotherton.
- ACCEPTED grant funds from the Staples Motley Community Foundation, a partner fund of the Initiative Foundation, in the amounts of $1,995 to purchase and install new park benches; and $2,000 to purchase and install a new sign at Converse Park.
- APPROVED donating $550 to go toward Motley youth swimming lessons at the Staples Community Center.
- APPROVED the nuisance list and learned that letters will be sent out to all on the list.
- APPROVED spending up to $300 to put cameras in at Converse Park. Council member Steve Johnson noted that there has been damage at the park.
- LEARNED from Fire Chief Kyle Frisk that Tanker Number 1 needs repairs. He will look into getting it fixed.
- LEARNED that the fire department is seeking to be paid $10 an hour. Chief Frisk said that that is standard pay at other departments including Staples and Scandia Valley. Currently, the Motley FD is being paid $9 per call, not by the hour.
- DISCUSSED whether it would be better to repair the current radar sign or replace it with a new one. Interim Police Chief Jason Borash said it would cost approximately $995 to rebuild the old one, which operates by battery. Prices for new ones, which are solar-powered ranged from $2,895 to $3,595. It was noted in the ensuing discussion that the council would eventually like to have a radar sign at each end of the city. In the end, they voted to repair the old sign for now and to budget for the new one in the future. City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja noted that there may be money available in this year's police department budget since they are only paying the salary (with benefits) to one officer at this time. All of the council members were in favor of this, except Jace Carlson, who indicated he felt they should purchase the solar radar sign instead of fixing the old one. He noted that the department had received the first one for free from the Pierz Police Department.
- HEARD update on Motley June Fest, which takes place all day Saturday, June 16. The winner of a new city logo design will be revealed by Mayor Yoder at 1 p.m. at the downtown stage.
- SET the next regular council meeting for Monday, July 16, at 6:30 p.m., instead of July 9.

Motley Police

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

June 6 - The MPD received a report of a window air conditioner stolen from a property at the 300 block of Hwy 10 S, Motley.

May 31 - The MPD received a report of a bicycle that was damaged at the 300 block of 1st Ave. S.

June 6 - The MCSO assisted state patrol in the arrest of Dawn Lee Kier, 45; Dallas Edward Quinn, 37, Sage Lee Seelye, 35.



A grandson remembered

Two sets of grandparents decorated the grave of their grandson James Martin, who was stillborn Jan. 20, 2017. His parents are Andrew and Kim Martin. Pictured this past Memorial Day at Bridgeman Cemetery in Pillager are, from left, Curt and Sue Martin; and Darrel and Tracey Thomas, all of Pillager. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Vendors sought for Scandia Valley's Summerfest

The Lincoln Ladies Aid is looking for crafters and vendors for the Saturday, Aug. 4, annual Scandia Valley Summerfest.

The event runs from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Scandia Valley Town Hall.

There is a small fee for booth rental space and both indoor and outdoor spots are available. For more information call Laine Ropson at 218-575-2188 or email her at LaineCR4@gmail.com.

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Source: www.dnr.state.mn.us/treecare/caring-pruning.html

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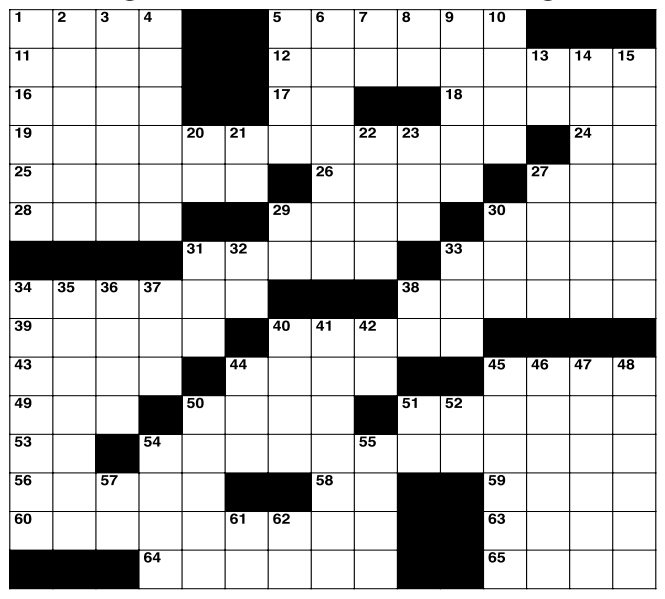
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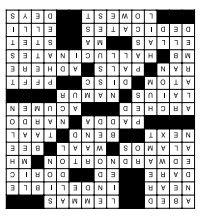


CLUES ACROSS
1. In bed
5. Composition headings
11. Close by
12. Cannot be removed
16. Take upon oneself
17. -__, denotes past
18. Denotes ancient Greek dialect
19. "American History X" actor
24. Millihenry
25. Town in Sonora, Mexico
26. Netherlands river
27. Insect associated with honey
28. Adjacent
29. Change shape
30. Pattern in Indian music
31. Genus of finches
33. Australian clover fern
34. Caused to curve
38. Ability to make good decisions
39. King of Thebes
40. Belgian city
43. Basic unit
44. Phonograph recording
45. Flew off!
49. Moved quickly
50. Chums
51. Stick fast to
53. Megabyte
54. Perceives something not present
56. Fitzgerald and Eyre are two
58. Milliampere
59. Remain as is
60. Honors
63. Norse goddess of old age
64. Minimum
65. Rulers of Tunis

CLUES DOWN
1. About Andes
2. ESPN hostess
3. Cerumen
4. Perceived
5. A right related to property
6. Blessed with
7. Mendelevium
8. Of I
9. Viscous liquid
10. Suffix
13. Bromine
14. Beverage
15. Level in an organization
20. Star Trek character Laren
21. Bad grades
22. Mars crater
23. Small amount
27. Froth on fermenting liquor
29. Bachelor of Divinity
30. Follows sigma
31. Human foot
32. Commercial
33. Company that rings receipts
34. Experiencing a sudden sense of danger
35. Taxable
36. Alternative credit investment firm
37. Ho-__
38. Gold
40. Will not (obsolete)
41. Supposes without proof
42. Rapper __ Hammer
44. Split lentils
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46. Condition
47. Without restraint
48. Produces reproductive cells
50. One of Washington state's Tri-Cities
51. Spielberg film
52. Elliptic function
54. Pearl Jam song "Hail __"
55. People in a film
57. Lethal dose
61. Root beer maker
62. Tellurium

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Answers



Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA. .....6:15 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer .....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight & Youth .....6:30 p.m.

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
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. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday .....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
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 .....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 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. Megorden
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
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.....9:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Leader .....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School .....11:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
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
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.
(serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt

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

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 Classses
.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes.....9:00 a.m.
Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Coffe & Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.....Meal
6:30 p.m .....Groups

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
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.

Jesus in Chaos

Pastor Nathan Hillman, Thomastown Covenant Church

How do we stay sane when the storms are raging, life is messy and scary and there's so many things demanding our attention?

For some of us, it's those trials of life. Financial trials, physical ailments or illness, emotional and relational challenges. For some of us it's just busyness and a fullness to life that truly feels like a chaotic mess that we can never find our way out of. Or maybe it's something else, but we've all been there: powers and forces swirling around us - threatening us.

A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, don't You care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!" (Mark 4:37-40)

The point of this passage is that Jesus is not just a good teacher, but the Lord of creation. We can and should trust Him when things are tough. Plus, Jesus sets an example for us as to how we can respond to the storms and chaos in our lives. His example was to sleep…on a cushion. A person can only sleep when they feel safe. Why did Jesus feel safe in the storm? Because He spent so much time every day with his heavenly Father. His orientation changed from being focused on His surroundings to be focused on His powerful, loving Father.

We cannot avoid the storms and chaos of life, but we can spend so much time with our God that we learn to trust Him completely. And the more we really trust him, the more likely it is that when the storms and chaos of life are swirling and raging around us, they'll find us taking a nap with our Jesus – the One who can calm the storm with a word.

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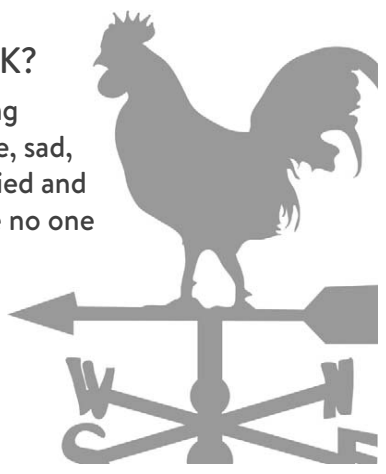
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