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Levy goes up but property taxes go down, Staples says

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council approved a preliminary tax levy with an increase of 11 percent, but with a higher tax capacity within the city, property taxes on homes should go down next year.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said there are several budget increases that are necessary, such as salary increases, health insurance predicted a 12 percent increase, and changes in utilities charges. He did include an increase of $20,000 for building maintenance, $5,000 more for street equipment replacement, and $20,000 for street overlay increases.

The budget also included one time proposals, many of them items that have been cut from the budget in past years. Examples are software and iPads so the council can go paperless ($8,000), paving of the remaining portion of the Legacy Trail ($25,000), portable radio replacements ($18,000), Dower Lake parking lot and pier maintenance ($50,000) and an airport transient hangar for visiting airplanes ($50,000 from the city, to add to $950,000 in federal and state grants).

Council member Doug Case questioned the need for an 11 percent increase. "I'm shocked a little bit, 11 percent, I've never seen an increase like that in my life," said Case.

Council member Roy Miles said the city did pass a 12 percent increase one year, after holding the budget to a zero percent increase the previous year.

Miles said the increase is needed to keep up with maintenance. Without it, "our streets would go to pot, our buildings would go to pot," he said.

Council member Mary Theurer said the budget items have been carefully planned to benefit the city.

"These are not frivolous things, we didn't decide we are just going to spend a lot of money," said Theurer. "We spent a lot of time on this."

Mayor Chris Etzler said putting the items in the budget this year will prevent sudden increases in tax rates in the future. He also said much of it is maintenance that needs to be done or the city will lose ground on some of their assets. "Don't let that get to the point where the community center is," said Etzler.

He also said it is about keeping up with current and future trends. "We're taking advantage of the growth in our community," said Etzler. He said he worked in Sartell when their population was 2,200, a fraction of what it is now. "If they had kept the tax levy the same, what would have happened?" he said.

After approving the tax levy, with Case voting against, the council set their final budget and tax levy vote for Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., at the start of that night's city council meeting.

Loan released

The council also approved the release of grant money loaned to Giovanni's Pizza and owner Travis Jackson. The restaurant has closed and will not be able to repay the loan. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the city will not actually lose money, because it came to them as a grant, but they will not be able to loan as much from that same grant from the Small Cities Development program. The amount remaining on the loan was $27,000. Because they released the loan, the city is still in position as second mortgage holder if the building gets sold again.



Veterans Park continues improvements

The Staples Veterans Park is getting a granite facelift. The retaining wall surrounding the flagpole and military pavers is being covered with black granite by Northland Monument of Longville. The crew started working on Sept. 18 and plan to be in Staples for four or five days to finish the wall. Above you can see the front piece with the engraving noting Staples Veterans Park. Below you can see the facing on the sides by the steps. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Hello, Readers,

On September 22/23, 2018, the day and night will be almost equal in most locations. Equinoxes are not day-long events, even though many choose to celebrate all day. Instead, they occur at the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator - the imaginary line in the sky above Earth's Equator. At this instant, Earth's rotational axis is neither tilted away from nor towards the Sun. This year, the Sun crosses the celestial equator from north to south on September 23, at 01:. Because of time zone differences, the equinox will take place on September 22, 2018 at locations that are at least two hours or more behind UTC (Universal Time Coordinated). These include some cities in Greenland, all of Canada, the United States and South America. As the September equinox rolls by, the chances to see the aurora borealis display increases for those located at high Northern Hemisphere latitudes. According to NASA, the equinoxes are prime time for Northern Lights – geomagnetic activities are twice more likely to take place in the spring and fall time, than in the summer or winter.

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From three buildings to two next year?

School board to discuss possibility at Oct. 1 work session

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Should the Staples-Motley School District move students from three buildings to two buildings? What might be the cost savings in utilities and transportation? What might be the implications for personnel?

These questions will be the topic of the school board's Oct. 1 work session as decided at their Sept. 17 regular meeting.

The option has been suggested previously and briefly discussed, but was brought forward as a possibility for the 2019-20 school year.

"We need to start planning," said Bryan Winkels.

Mary Freeman reported that the long range planning committee had discussed the possibility and she felt a work session was needed to explore it more fully.

"What savings could there be? What spaces will we need? What changes would be needed in the buildings?" Freeman asked.

High school principal Mike Schmidt said that he and John Regan, middle school principal, have discussed it.

"Spacewise, it's doable," Schmidt said. "The grittier questions are what are the education options? How does it affect personnel? Will we be overstaffed if we do it?"

"It's a big, big decision," he continued. "Much bigger than just classrooms. Every sector will be affected."

Freeman noted that the district has decided that programming will drive decisions, adding that the student body has changed, the

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At 100 years young, Bea Olson is still learning

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Bea Olson of Staples has lived through 18 presidents in her lifetime...from Woodrow Wilson to Donald Trump.

At the rate she's going, she just might live to find out who number 19 will be. Chalk it up to good Christian living, strong Norwegian genes and a desire to learn something new every day.

Still an avid reader at 100 years young, Bea likes to keep up with politics, religion, the arts and a number of other topics along the way.

She reads the Star Tribune every morning and the Staples World once a week, usually while sitting in her easy chair at Lakewood Health System's Care Center, her home for the past three years or so.

Reading the Bible is also part of her daily routine, Bea mentioned, adding that she still prays every day as well. She used to keep a formal list of her prayer requests, but these days she prays for people and situations as God brings them to her mind, Bea said.

Of course, she likes to read a good novel now and then, Bea said, adding that "Anne of Green Gables" is one of her favorites. She just finished reading a book on business by best-selling author Harvey Mackay. "It was really interesting," Bea said.

In her spare time at the care center, Bea keeps busy with art projects (she recently helped paint a barn quilt square on display out front) and sings in the choir. "I'm an alto," she shared, adding that they rehearse once a week and sing a variety of music from days gone by. "I'll Fly Away" and "I'm Going Home" are two of her favorites, she said, mentioning these songs about heaven.

Not that she's thinking of heading that way any time soon. In fact, at her recent birthday party (she turned 100 on Sept. 16, 2018) Bea invited all of her guests to come back to Staples for her 200th birthday.

Bea's party was held at Faith Lutheran Church in

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Celebrating 'Queen Bea's' 100th birthday

Bea Olson, affectionately called 'Queen Bea' by those who know her best, celebrated her 100th birthday on Sept. 16. She is pictured with several family members at a party held in her honor Sept. 15, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Front row, from left, are great-grandsons Boyer and Mack Mertens, Roseau; Bea, Staples; great-grandsons Ty and Trey Mertens, Roseau. Back row: great-granddaughter, Memphis Mertens; grandson Jacob Mertens and his wife, Kelli Mertens, Roseau; daughter, Debra Olson, St. Paul; son-in-law Larry Mertens and daughter Cindi Mertens; grandson Dustin Mertens and his wife, Erica Mertens, all of Roseau. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Putting the Blandin back together

Above, Judy Richer embodies a character from the Lamplighter Community Theatre play, "Poverty: What's Your Baggage," in a reprise for the Blandin Foundation Trustees at their meeting held Sept. 16, in Staples. The play, written after the Blandin program Leaders Partnering to End Poverty (LPEP) was implemented in Staples and Motley, resulting in the formation of Staples Motley Beyond Poverty.

The Blandin Trustees saw how the play was put together and since it's a participatory play, they discussed the scenes and characters, dealing with the added difficulties and stigmas that go along with poverty. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Discussion on poverty

Actor Kevin Olsen sets a bag on the table to initiate conversation about poverty. At the table, front: Jerel Nelsen, Kathy Annette, Blandin President/CEO, left, along with other Blandin trustees. Other actors included Amy Hunter, Heidi Brings, Julie Mertens and Jim Vollegraaf.

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Community Foundation has grant opportunities

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

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

- **Economic Vitality:** Making our community vital now and in the future such as grants to promote community development and appearance.
- **Children, Youth and Families**: Supplementing the endeavors of people striving to develop and implement positive opportunities for residents of the Staples Motley area.
- **Human Services**: Programs to promote the overall quality of life and meeting of human needs, such as healthcare, food shelves, domestic violence, etc.

The average grant is $2,000 and a limited number of grant funds are available, so apply now. For large projects, grants are available for a maximum amount of 50 percent of the project cost up to $2,000. The application and grant guidelines are available on the SMACF website at www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org. Completed applications must be submitted no later than Oct. 15.

Questions can be directed to committee members Melissa Birkholtz, Ron Denning, Mary Jo Hofer, Joe Roline or Mike Gold; or by phone at 218-296-2355.

If you have difficulty using the web based application or if your request is labeled "ineligible," ask for clarification from one of the grant committee members or call 218-296-2355.

Since its inception in 1999, the foundation has awarded over $235,000 in grant funding to area projects. The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the Initiative Foundation, a regional foundation serving Central Minnesota.

Healthy After School Snack contest for kids K-5 grades

The Minnesota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is sponsoring a Healthy Afterschool Snack Contest for Minnesota children, ages kindergarten through the fifth grade.

Recipes will be judged on the following:

- Is it easy to make?
- Does it use common ingredients that you'd find in your pantry or refrigerator?
- Does it use healthy ingredients?
- Does it look good to eat?
- Does it taste "yummy"?

The contest is open to all children across Minnesota and recipes are due by email on or before Sept. 28, 2018 (one entry per person) at mand@eatrightmn.org.

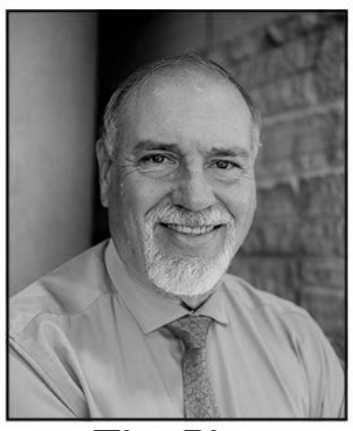
Winners will be announced no later than Oct. 15, 2018, and will receive prizes and be honored at the Minnesota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Annual Meeting, April 24-26, 2019, held in the Twin Cities.

The Minnesota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (MAND) is an affiliate of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics. With approximately 1,600 credentialed practitioners - registered dietitian nutritionists, dietetic technicians, registered and other dietetics professionals holding undergraduate and advanced degrees in nutrition and dietetics – it is the largest professional organization of nutrition health professionals in Minnesota.

MAND members work in every health care setting, hospitals, home care, long term care and clinics. Their leadership extends to many other areas of work including, schools, business and industry, clinical research, community health and wellness, WIC, maternal and infant nutrition, eating disorders, food shelves, grocery stores, U of MN Extension, Department of Health, sports nutrition, fitness, SHIP, Farm to School, Diabetes Prevention programs, private practice and others. This wide reach and experience gives our members a broad base of understanding and influence on food and nutrition issues impacting Minnesotans.

For information contact Sara Sternberger, Executive Director, 612-309-1706 or mand@eatrightmn.org.

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Seated are Deb Kaiser, left, and Gene Kucera. Standing, from left, are Kendrick Schultz, Jonathan Kubichek, Jason Poynter, Rich Britton, Maddie Noles (in front), Mike Isenberg, Kenny Salber, Clint Bailey, Hal Swanson and Greg Osmonson.


Staples Area Women's Chorus - Outstanding Organization
Accompanist Kim Berggren is at the piano. Standing by the piano is Joan Batcher-Rhymers, director. Front row, from left, are Diane Stotereau, Judy Young, Vicki Perish, Kate Skogstad, Jeanne Rohr, Diane Hinkle, Leanna Jensen, Judy Wolak and Judy Jenkins. Middle row, from left, are Barba Best, Marcia Marsh, Cindy Gold, April Sandhoff, Jeanette Evans, Jody Lunemann, Sharon Freelove, Wendy Hanson, RoAnn Trout, Joyce Anderson, Stephanie Wiegand and Barb Cline. Back row, from left, are Gretta Norton, Megan Lindgren, Anne Freelove, Eva Lund, Barb Markus, Christie Berg, Amanda Mithun, Janet Anderson, Mary Beth Brockpahler and Beth Fabian.

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MnDOT prepares snowplow operators

More than 100 snowplow operators from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the cities of Minneapolis and Rochester, and Scott County are training during the next two weeks at Camp Ripley near Little Falls to learn how to safely and effectively plow snow. Although most of the training takes place at Camp Ripley, motorists are advised that snowplows may be seen on Highway 10.

MnDOT's snowplow operator training program, known as SPOT, is a two-week session that highlights a variety of safety measures, plowing techniques and best practices. The session provides trainees with updates on new equipment, policies and procedures related to winter highway maintenance operations.

As part of SPOT, MnDOT maintenance supervisors and other staff provide classroom and hands-on training and share their experience and insights with the trainees.

Snowplow operators will receive training this year on MnDOT's Maintenance Decision Support System and Automated Vehicle Location technology. The technology provides operators with weather and road information to make decisions on what type of treatment, sand or salt, and in what quantity to use on the road. The AVL technology is installed on about 76 percent of the agency's 840 plow trucks.

MnDOT will conduct a second SPOT session Oct. 15-19 and Oct. 22-26, where an additional 60 MnDOT snowplow operators will be trained.

MnDOT has trained more than 1,900 snowplow operators since the training began in 2004.

Real Men Sing Festival to feature UND Bards





Guest clinicians

Dr. Dean Jilek (left) and Bryan Poyzer are the guest clinicians at the 2018 Real Men Sing and Real Men Sing, jr. Festival in Staples on Saturday, Oct. 13. They will also serve as guest directors at the Real Men Sing concert that evening at the Staples-Motley High School gym. The concert is open to the public and starts at 7 p.m. Tickets available at the door. (Submitted photos)

The 2018 Real Men Sing and Real Men Sing, Jr. Choral Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, at Staples-Motley High School. The all-day event includes workshops and rehearsals; and concludes with a concert at 7 p.m. Open to the public, the Real Men Sing concert will be held at the high school gymnasium.

Dave Anderson, member of the Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC), submitted the following information about the festival:

Real Men Sing (RMS), the choral festival for high school male singers facilitated each fall by the SAMC, has been a lot of things for a lot of people. Things such as a grandson singing beside his grandfather from seventh grade through his first year of college or three generations of a family sharing their love of singing.

Since its birth in 2003, RMS has hosted 3,034 high school and middle school students.

Clinicians

Dr. Dean Jilek, Director of Choirs at the University of North Dakota (UND), will be the guest clinician at this year's RMS Festival and the UND Varsity Bards Men's Chorus will be the guest college choir. Bryan Poyzer, Director of Choral Activities at North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, will be the guest clinician for RMS jr.

Dr. Jilek conducts the Concert Choir and Varsity Bards at UND and teaches courses in choral conducting, choral literature and vocal methods. He also serves as the artistic director of the Grand Forks Chorale and Master Chorale. Jilek earned his Doctorate of Choral Conducting from the University of North Texas. His experience in conducting includes the Vancouver Professional Chamber Choir Symposium and the International Conducting Workshop Festival in Bulgaria.

Positive impact on young singers

The UND connection provided Steve Hoemberg, back in the saddle as director of the Staples Area Men's Chorus after a two year leave, a unique opportunity to perpetuate the Real Men Sing tradition of featuring the story of a former Staples-Motley High School chorus member, Tyler Winkels.

Tyler is a student at the University of North Dakota and sings in the male choir which is directed by Dr. Josh Bronfman. Tyler first sang under Dr. Bronfman in 2013 when Dr. Bronfman was guest clinician at Real Men Sing. Tyler's input played a role in getting the Bards to participate in Real Men Sing 2018 and to have Dr. Jilek be selected as the 2018 guest clinician.

Tyler will come back to his alma mater as evidence that Real Men Sing can plant the seeds for singing beyond adolescence. Tyler was interviewed for this article and stated that he is well aware of both the opportunity and the responsibility to be a role model for younger musicians such as his brothers Emmitt and Cole who are members of the SMHS A Capella Choir.

During the interview, Tyler shared some of his memorable Real Men Sing moments. "I sang in Real Men Sing from my freshman through senior years, wouldn't have missed it," he told us. Some of his musical experiences have given him goose bumps and his favorite concerts featured combined groups and major works such as the 2013 production of Vivaldi's Gloria. This collaborative concert included the Staples Area Men's Chorus and the Staples Area Women's Chorus as well as high school choirs from Staples-Motley, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, Wadena and Pillager.

"We sing a lot of fun music with the Bards and some small group stuff such as the Beach Boys Medley, but it's the more challenging music that's really rewarding," Tyler said. He added that he comes back each year for the SMHS Christmas Concert so he can sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus with his parents and brothers. After being wowed by some of the big adult voices around him, Tyler now recognizes that his own voice turns the heads of a few younger singers. Singing with adults has helped him grow musically, Tyler explained. He used the example of hearing a particular note sequence that he had struggled with sung by more experienced singers.

Tyler has some advice for younger singers. About four in the afternoon during a tiring Real Men Sing rehearsal you might begin to wonder if it's really worth this much attention to detail. Then when you get dressed for the concert and begin singing, you know it is. Tyler hopes to graduate in one more year with a degree in law enforcement, return to the Central Minnesota area and perhaps even sing with the Staples Area Men's Chorus. The SM music tradition is illustrated in the Winkels family. Tyler's parents, Amy and Bryan, both sang in the Staples-Motley A Capella choir under Stan Carlson. Tyler's grandparents all enjoy singing and his grandfather Orv Meyer is a former member of the Staples Area Men's Chorus. Oh, by the way, Bryan and Amy, Tyler has invited the entire Bards group to stay overnight at your house!

Tickets

Tickets for the Real Men Sing concert can be purchased from chorus members, from designated local businesses and at the door. More information can be found on the Staples Area Men's Chorus website, www.staplesmen.org.



Youth football under the lights

Staples-Motley youth football will hold their "Under the Lights" showcase on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at the high school football field. The junior high game is at 4 p.m., flag football at 5:30 p.m., player introductions at 6:15 p.m., Little Cardinal Cheerleaders at 7 p.m. and 5th and 6th grade (pictured from a game this season) at 7:15 p.m. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

SM 2018 Homecoming is week of Sept. 22-28

Homecoming buttons are back. The buttons are on sale at Staples-Motley High School, just in time for Homecoming Week, Sept. 22-28. Buttons will be good for: discounted admission to the volleyball game Monday, Sept. 24, football game Friday, Sept. 28, a Cardinal tattoo at the Friday tailgate party and dollar cones at Staples and Motley Dairy Queens, Friday.

During Homecoming Week SM Student Council will have theme days for students: Monday, pajama day; Tuesday, crazy hair day; Wednesday, beach day; Thursday, tie dye day; Friday, Cardinal Spirit day.

Homecoming activities:

- Saturday, Sept. 22

9 a.m. - Cardinal 5K and kids fun run.

- Monday, Sept. 24

2:30p.m. - Homecoming royalty announced at school assembly

4:30 p.m. - JV football

4:30 p.m. - 7-12 volleyball (varsity 7 p.m.)

- Tuesday, Sept. 25

3:30 p.m. - Tie dye party, football field

4 p.m. "Under the Lights" youth football: junior high (4 p.m.), flag football (5:30 p.m.), Little Cardinal Cheerleaders (7 p.m.), 5th and 6th graders (7:15 p.m.)

- Wednesday, Sept. 26

Homecoming royalty: visits schools, care center.

- Friday, Sept. 28

11:30 a.m. - Pep fest, Coronation: high school gymnasium

1:30 p.m. - High school fun day

4 p.m. - Tailgate party: food,snacks, face painting, crafts, Cardinal gear for sale.

7 p.m. - Homecoming footballl game against United North Central

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Enrollment figures show number is stable

options available and the way they are taught have changed.

Board chair Chad Longbella wondered if the business office would be able to get the financial impact together in time for the work session.

During the financial report Chuck Herdegen, the business manager, reported that the district audit was scheduled to begin Oct. 2. He was trying to get accounts properly recorded to be ready for the audit.

Although he didn't have a written report for the board meeting, he said he believed the reports would show the deficit to be much smaller than projected.

"I think it will be better than what you anticipate," Herdegen said.

Interim superintendent Ron Bratlie said he would work with Herdegen to get preliminary financial figures for the work session.

Brad Anderson noted that when the possibility was previously discussed the issues of grade configuration and licensing arose.

Schmidt acknowledged they would have to look at all of that, since some teachers are only licensed for grades 9-12 or grades 5-8, for example.

On the positive side Schmidt also noted that in fine arts the change could add two more hours for students. At present, some of the teachers' time is spent commuting between Staples and Motley.

In other business the board:

- Received an enrollment report that showed 1,091 students in the district as of Sept. 14. The previous year ended with 1,093 students and fiscal year 2017 ended with 1,118 students.
- Approved the agreement with Minnesota School Boards Association to assist with the superintendent search. The board will take some time at the Oct. 1 work session to review a job description.
- Approved middle school special education paraprofessional contracts for Brian Mitts, Becki Rassler, Val Murray, Coleman Klimek and Jennifer Dobson at grade 7 probationary and for Denise Allshouse at grade 7 qualified.
- Approved elementary paraprofessional contracts for Amanda Burton and JoMarie Michel.
- Approved a contract for Jeff Spandl as the handicap bus route driver.
- Approved putting Little Cardinal Academy assistants on support staff contracts at $12 per hour, per discussion at the Sept. 10 work session.
- Awarded bids to Harlan Killian for two storage sheds and Troy Erickson for a desk.
- Tabled bids for three vehicles because the reserves were not met. Bratlie will consult with the transportation manager to consider the next step.



Glowing for for a cause

Staples-Motley ninth grade football team helped raise $1,318, for Randy Shaver's Tackle Cancer Research and Community Fund by selling luminaries at the entrance to the game and cllecting donations in the stands, Sept. 14. Above; Players get ready to bring the luminaries out to the center of the football field. As part of the Tackle Cancer event, Staples-Motley Activities Director Mark Jacobs presented the game ball with his father, a cancer survivor. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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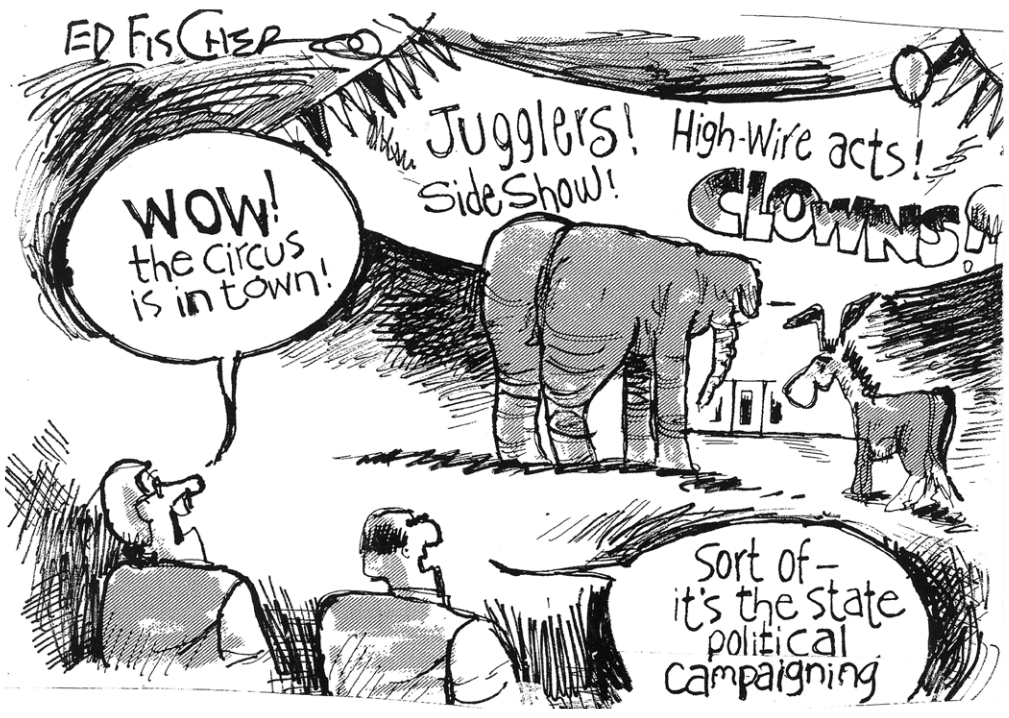
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Can social media be 'fixed'?

By Lata Nott

Executives from Twitter, Facebook and Google recently testified before Congress. Again. This was the third congressional hearing this year where the internet giants were grilled on their content policies, their privacy and security practices and their role in democracy.

It's been a rough couple of years for social media platforms. They've come under fire for so many different things it can be hard to remember all of them. To recap:

- For enabling Russian propagandists to influence our presidential election and terrorist organizations to find new recruits.
- For allowing fake news stories to go viral.
- For exacerbating political polarization by trapping their users in "filter bubbles."
- For giving hate mongers and conspiracy theorists a platform to reach a wider audience.
- For filtering or downranking conservative viewpoints.
- For collecting private user data and selling it to the highest bidder.
- For siphoning profits away from struggling local news organizations.

The social media platforms are taking various actions to mitigate these problems. But every potential solution seems to bring forth another unanticipated consequence.

YouTube is currently trying to debunk conspiracy videos on its site by displaying links to more accurate information right alongside of them - but there's concern that the presence of a link to an authoritative source will make a video seem more legitimate, even if the text and link directly contradict the video.

Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey has expressed a desire to break up his users' filter bubbles by injecting alternative viewpoints in their feeds. But new research suggests that exposing people to opposing political views may actually cause them to double down on their own - ironically, actually increasing political polarization.

Facebook instituted a system for users to flag questionable news stories for review by their fact-checkers - but soon ran into the problem that users would falsely report stories as "fake news" if they disagreed with the premise of the story or just wanted to target the specific publisher.

Some doubt the sincerity behind these efforts. As former Reddit CEO Ellen Pao says, "(S)ocial media companies and the leaders who run them are rewarded for focusing on reach and engagement, not for positive impact or for protecting subsets of users from harm." In other words, what's good for a company's bottom line and what's good for society as a whole are often at odds with each other.

It's no wonder that the government is looking to step into the fray. If the numerous congressional hearings don't make that clear, a proposed plan to regulate social media platforms that leaked from Senator Mark Warner's office last month ought to. President Trump recently announced that he wanted to take action against Google and Twitter for allegedly not displaying conservative media in his search results.

It's unlikely that the president would be able to do much about that, just as it's unlikely that Congress would be able to force Facebook to say, ban all fake news stories from its platform. Twitter, Facebook and Google are all private companies, and the First Amendment prohibits government officials from limiting or compelling speech by private actors.

So what can the government do? It can encourage (and, if necessary, regulate) these companies to be more transparent. It's shocking how little we know about the algorithms, content moderation practices and internal policies that control what information we receive and how we communicate with one another.

It's reckless that we only become aware of these things when something catastrophic happens.

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SMHS delivers college credits, saving money for students, families

Recently at Central Lakes College data was presented as to what our families saved by our "College In Schools" offerings. We're all doing our part in Region Five to provide what we can to our students, that was clear. There wasn't a school "not listed."

The conversations and meetings that day were an impressive showing of the workload shared by college and high school staff, regarding their fraternity of educational curriculums.

However, as the data was presented, I couldn't help but take notice of Staples-Motley High School in comparison to our neighbors. I'd like to preface this, ... I like our educational neighbors. We collaborate often and share resources, ideas, procedures, policies; we compete, celebrate and get along. These attributes were also shared that day, not only administratively, but amongst the teaching staff themselves.

Last year, our high school staff made possible 23 College In School Courses, saving our students and families $159,339. These are classes taught here on site, by Staples-Motley teachers, where students earn college credits.

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Staples-Motley Schools



By Mike Schmidt
Staples-Motley High School Principal
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Now, I include all of our staff here at the high school, because we all work to make a Master Schedule possible to deliver the courses. Many compromises are made in doing so. It takes all of us to make this happen.

Biology, chemistry, college algebra, nursing, Spanish, stats, computers, calculus, accounting, medical terminology, business, human biology, pre-calc, health securities and intro to college algebra are here because Lorna Bendson, Jenny Burns, Tab Erickson, Skyla Rewitzer and Marly Simmons have taken specific college course work to meet the qualifications.

I mentioned our educational neighbors. Their tuition savings varied from $17,422 - $113,588. Some of these school districts are smaller, similar in size and larger than ours. A lot of factors go into offering such courses.

I'm grateful we have the staff who have ensured we can offer what we do. And also... on this occasion, I couldn't help but think: "It's a Great Day to Be a Cardinal!"

How to support troops without getting duped

From the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson

Minnesota is home to more than 330,000 veterans and, according to a recent study, the third most generous state in the country for charitable donations. This is something to be proud of, but it also makes Minnesotans a target for sham charities trying to raise a quick buck by exploiting people's goodwill.

A few simple guidelines can help donors ensure that their gifts of money actually benefit our brave men and women in uniform, and their families.

Programs of little value

Some bogus charities claim to provide things like medical services or shelter to needy veterans, when they may only give coupons for visits to chiropractors or hotels on the other side of the country. If a charity makes vague claims that it helps veterans, ask for specifics about how. Request examples of past assistance it provided to veterans, and ask how much of a donation will be used for charity versus overhead and fundraising expenses. Legitimate charities can and will answer these questions.

If you receive a call out of the blue from a supposed charity, ask the caller whether they are employed by the charity or a fundraising company. Many questionable charities use fundraising companies that get paid 80 or even 90 percent or more of the donation that you make. Under Minnesota law, a fundraising company must identify itself as being a fundraising company, not a charity.

Phony use of military insignias

Some phony veterans charities associate themselves with the military or veterans through the use of official military seals, emblems, logos and other insignia. Military insignia are protected by law from unauthorized use, and are rarely licensed for use, even to charities. Their use by an unfamiliar charity can be a red flag to donors, as can use of emblems designed to "dress up" the charity to look more legitimate.

Copycat charities

Questionable charities sometimes use names and logos that are similar to those of legitimate organizations that you might have heard of or donated to in the past. Solicitors for these charities may even impersonate veterans to gain trust. If something about the organization doesn't feel right to you, trust your gut. You can always call the charity to which you want to donate to find out if the solicitation was actually from that charity.

Donate wisely

If you want to ensure your donation goes to a legitimate charity, do some research beforehand. The Attorney General's website allows you to research charities by name, and provides basic financial information about such charities' activities, including what portion of your donation is actually spent on helping veterans.

For more information on veterans charities, or to file a complaint about a potentially questionable charity, you may contact the Attorney General's Office at:

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General Election Policies - 2018

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Mark Your Calendar

September 24

Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group Mtg
Mon., Sept. 24, 5 p.m., Lakewood Health System Care Center's activities rm., Staples. Amanda Mithum, social worker, is the speaker. Eat together, on your own, in cafeteria prior to the mtg. All breast cancer survivors welcome. For info., 218-894-2627.

September 25

CARE Community Meal
Tues., Sept. 25, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley. Hosted with Swan Valley Lutheran Church. Free. For info, 218-352-6466.

September 27

Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Club Mtg
Thurs., Sept. 27, 7:30 - 9:45 p.m., Wadena VFW. Roger McNeil, caller; Bernadette, cuer. For info., 320-760-6043.

Women of the ELCA

All women are invited to attend the ELCA Conference 6 Gathering on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018 at Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE. Staples.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. Lunch is included with the price. The theme for this conference is "He Didn't Throw the Clay Away" based on the Bible verse from Isaiah 64:8. Ren Fuglestad will present the program.

Maternal and child health clinics

Wadena County Public Health offers family and child health services, including WIC, child health screenings, dental varnish, lead screenings, prenatal and family home visiting.

For information and to schedule an appointment, call Wadena County Public Health at 218-631-7629 or 888-883-0351.



Mats give cheerleaders a lift

The Staples-Motley cheerleading program received a donation of mats to practice their lifts, a new feature for the squad this year.

Dr. Lindsay Leveille used the mats for her Zumba classes through Staples-Motley Community Education. She decided to give the mats to the program when she was done with them. "I do zumba for fun, the philosophy of zumba is about giving back to the community," said Leveille.

Cheerleading coach Mary Rychner said the mats are valuable as the cheerleaders practice new moves and lifts. The cheerleaders attended a camp earlier this year, which allows them to do the lifts. "They've taken it and gone with it," said Rychner. The mats will also be used for Little Cardinal Cheerleading practice

Above: Hannah DeWald, top, held by Kalee Abbas (L) and Jadyn Kincaid (R); Chastity Runge, spotter, in back. Pictured to the right standing by the other mat, from left, Alana Sullivan, Coach Mary Rychner, Lindsay Leveille, Rachael Isenberg and Cassidy Barthel.

(Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

CARE Ministries free meals schedule

Program offers nourishment, fellowship, more

The CARE Ministries free community meals program kicks off Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the United Methodist Church in Motley. Meals are served from 4:30 - 6 p.m. and all are welcome.

Since 2010, CARE Ministries has been organizing free meals on a monthly basis during the school year. These meals, held at churches in Staples and Motley, are open to the general public. At present, there is no meal scheduled during December.

There are currently 10 churches that participate in the program. On average, between 200 - 225 people are served each month.

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

The CARE meals offer an opportunity for people from varying backgrounds, ages and church denominations to get together and socialize over dinner once a month. It's not uncommon to see some students from Central Lakes College sharing a table with a few retired folks from town.

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

Schedule/locations

Here is the 2018-19 schedule and locations:

- Tuesday, Sept. 25, United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Co-hosted with Swan Valley Lutheran Church.
- Tuesday, Oct. 23, Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Staples, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Co-hosted with Thomastown Covenant Church.
- Thursday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving dinner, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples, noon.
- December - No meal scheduled.
- Tuesday, Jan. 22, Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Staples, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 26, Sacred Heart Church, 310 4th St. NE, Staples, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 26, Assembly of God Church, 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 23, United Methodist Church, 310 5th St. NE, Staples, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 21, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 4th St. NE, Staples, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

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

Veterans appreciation event Sept. 22

Potluck meal will follow program

The public is invited to attend a 'Veterans Welcome Home' event on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

The purpose of the event is to honor and show appreciation to veterans from all service branches... from WWII to recent campaigns.

The event will begin at 4:45 p.m. in the sanctuary with a program that includes medal presentations to veterans, prayer and worship, special music, a video and a blessing of the flags ceremony.

Following the service, a potluck meal will be served in the church's fellowship hall. *Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share.* During the meal, 'mail call' for veterans will take place. The event will conclude at 7:30 p.m. with dessert.

Council on Aging going to final Geritol Frolics

The Todd County Council on Aging is organizing a bus trip to the Geritol Frolics at the Franklin Art Center, Brainerd, on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 1:30 p.m. You do not need to be a senior citizen to ride. The last day to register is Sept. 23.

This will be the final season for the Geritol Frolics, a musical variety show presented in vaudeville fashion by performers over age 55 from around the Brainerd Lakes area. Originally created as a means of promoting involvement of seniors in community theatre, the show has become an entity in its own right, delighting audiences with a fast-paced show of song, dance and comedy.

Since 2004 the show has played to over 17,000 people from the five state region.

Fee for the show and bus does not include dinner at Pizza Ranch.

Contact Elsie Gustafson at 320-304-0135, Florence Rickbeil at 218-756-3002 or Jode Dixon at 320-732-2282 to register. If you cannot attend it is your responsibility to transfer your ticket to another person. No refunds.

Pick up times will be:

- 11 a.m. - Long Prairie
- 11:15 a.m. - Browerville (behind Community Ctr.)
- 11:25 a.m. - Clarissa
- 11:30 a.m. - Eagle Bend (Hilltop Kitchen)
- 11:40 a.m. - Bertha
- 11:45 a.m. - Hewitt
- 12:15 p.m. - Staples
- 12:30 p.m. - Motley.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider request for minor subdivision of parcel 38-4014300, part of Northern Pacific Addition to Staples, Block 2, Lots 3,4,5,6,7,8.
- Consider request from Sacred Heart Catholic Church to conduct bingo on Nov. 18, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
- Consider funding request from Hilltop Regional Kitchen for a per capita contribution of $1.
- Committee reports: Planning and Zoning
- Open forum.
- Administrator's report.

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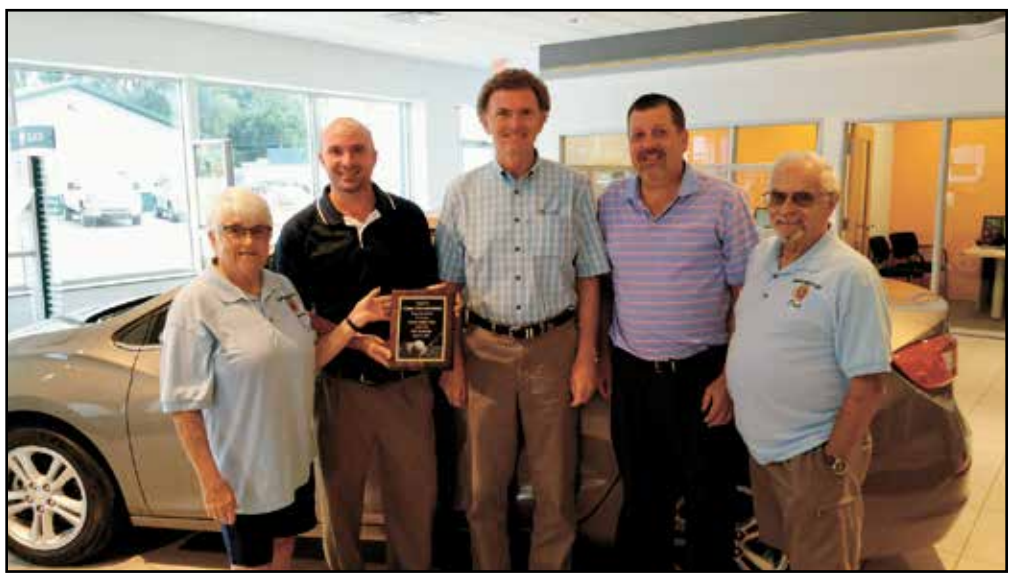






Eagles tribute concert at Centennial

Over 300 people came out to Centennial Auditorium in Staples Sept. 14, to hear the Armadillos and Collective Unconscious perform their Eagles tribute show. The event, which featured nine band members throughout the two-hour show, kicked off the Staples Motley Area Arts Council's 2018 - 2019 regular concert season. Pictured, from left, are Rich Wiiteman, Bill Scherer, Jeff Engholm (whose grandma, Harriet Dent, was a long-time Staples resident), Nathan Nesje and Muggsy Lauer. The band performed a number of Eagles hits, including "Take it Easy" "Witchy Woman" "Take It To the Limit" "Hotel California" and "Desperado." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Hole-in-one sponsorship noted

Dale and Nancy Resch representing the Lincoln Scandia Valley Lions Club recently presented a plaque of appreciation to Nyhus Chevrolet and Buick of Staples in commendation of their many years of sponsoring the Hole-in-One prize of a car at the annual LSV golf tournament. The tournament took place July 21 at the Pine Ridge Golf Club. Left to right: Nancy Resch, Justin Biebighauser, Ronald Biebinghauser, Blaine Quast and Dale Resch. (Submitted photo)

Todd County Historical Society

The Todd County Historical Society met Sept. 3 at the museum. The meeting was called to order by President Gary Stracek.

August minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

De's Museum Report:

• Our fairground building has a new roof and siding. Some rafters and wiring also were replaced.

• Unusable old items need to be cleaned out of the storage areas.

• Thank you, Syd and Nancy Kjeldahl, for your donation.

• Bling Party was held Sept. 14.

• Tickets for the waffle breakfast on Sept. 23 are available. Work sign-up sheet is posted.

• Tickets are available for the annual fall dinner to be held Sept. 28 at Thunder Lodge.

• Open house for Todd County Firemen will be held Fri., Nov. 9 and Sat. Nov. 10.

There is still room on the bus trip to Meeker County. Those interested may call the museum at 218-732-4426.

Duane Lorsung attended to donate the plaque from the old Phillbrook bridge.

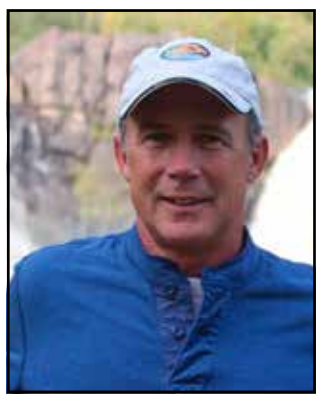
Nancy Kjeldahl presented the program on the Indian uprising in Acton Township in Meeker County and the large number of stockades located in Minnesota at that time.

The next meeting will be held Mon., Oct. 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the museum.

-Submitted by Alice Siegle

Obituaries

David Roberts



David Roberts, 59, of Staples, died September 10, 2018 of natural causes in Staples.

Services were held Sept. 15 at Motley Free Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating.

Arrangements were by Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Dave was born November 29, 1958 in Staples, to Richard and Gladys (Melsness) Roberts. He graduated from Staples High School in 1977. David attended NDSU, where he participated on the wrestling team. He worked as a brakeman for Burlington Northern Railroad for 10 years, as a local mail carrier for USPS for 10 years and most recently as a carrier for UPS for 15 years. David married Lani Longbella on September 23, 1989 in Staples. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, traveling, photography and time with family and friends.

David is survived by his children, Hailey Roberts, MD of Ann Arbor, MI and Tanner Roberts, PharmD candidate, of Staples; parents; six brothers, Lindy Ellenbaum of Minneapolis, Steven Ellenbaum of Motley, Russel (Linda) Ellenbaum of Topeka, KS, Scott Ellenbaum of Motley, Douglas (Dianne) Roberts of Staples, James (Mary Ellen) Roberts of Oconomowoc, WI and one sister, Susan Roberts of Sartell.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Michael Roberts.

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Adele Goblirsch



Adele A. (Soukup) Goblirsch, 94, of Sleepy Eye passed away September 13, 2018, at Sleepy Eye Medical Center.

Visitation will be held Thurs., Sept. 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. and again on Friday from 7:30 until 10 a.m. at the Sturm Funeral Home, Sleepy Eye. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sleepy Eye, Friday, Sept. 21, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. with clergy Msgr. Eugene Lozinski officiating.

Interment will be at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Sleepy Eye.

Arrangements are with Sturm Funeral Home.

Adele, along with her fraternal twin sister, Cordella, was born February 1, 1924 at the family farmhouse in rural Sleepy Eye to Charles and Amelia (Ruffing) Soukup. Adele attended District #27 country school and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Sleepy Eye in 1942. After graduation Adele worked as a nanny in the community. She then went to work as a teller at the State Bank of Sleepy Eye. On April 21, 1956, she married Edwin W. Goblirsch at St. Mary's Catholic Church. They purchased a farm in Albin Township and built a successful dairy, chicken and crop farming operation. They retired in 1988 and moved into Sleepy Eye. Adele was active at St. Mary's Catholic Church, volunteered at the Next-Tu-Nu shop in Sleepy Eye, enjoyed traveling, reading the daily newspaper, jigsaw puzzles, sewing, creating latch hook rugs and embroidering

She is survived by three daughters, Nancy (John) Wolf of New Prague, Joyce (Bill) Kuehn of Motley and Cindy (Keith) Scheid of Owatonna; one son, Dean (Stacy) Goblirsch of New Ulm; two sisters, Cordella Soukup and Joan Portner; brother-in-law, Fr. Robert Goblirsch; sister-in-law, Agnes Goblirsch all of Sleep Eye; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, Thomas and one brother, Gregory.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Mary's Catholic School.

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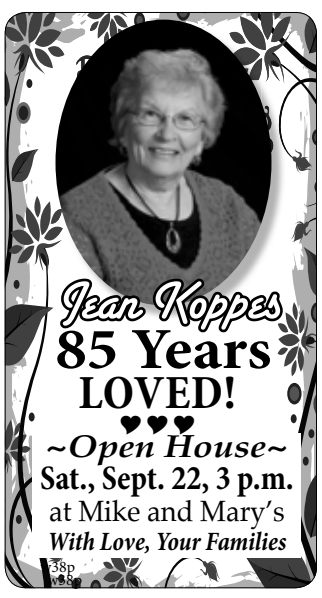
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Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Megan and Chad Kieffer of Cushing, a baby girl, Bristol Lindsay Ann weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on September 7, 2018.

Born to Jackie and Zach Hanson of Staples, a baby boy, Archie Theodore weighing nine pounds, one ounce on September 8, 2018.

Born to Krystal and Joshua Berns of Brainerd, a baby girl, Oakleigh Viola-Elaine weighing seven pounds, four ounces on September 9, 2018.

Born to Jacyrea and Daniel Almquist of Verndale, a baby girl, Lyla Clare weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on September 10, 2018.

Born to Lora and Jeremy Nelson of Park Rapids, a baby boy, Benjamin Nolan weighing nine pounds, eight ounces on September 9, 2018.

Born to Charly and Brandon Niesen of Baxter, a baby boy, Liam Anthony Thomas weighing six pounds, two ounces on September 13, 2018.

Staples grad receives posthumous award



Ron Thompson

The late Ron Thompson, a 1948 Staples High School graduate, was recently named to the 2018 Legends Hall of Fame at Crookston High School (CHS).

Thompson was honored posthumously at an induction ceremony held at CHS, where he was a teacher, coach and long-time sports official for over 31 years.

After graduating from Staples High School, Thompson enlisted in the United States Army for four years. While in the Army, he qualified for a track meet at West Point where his athletic ability allowed him to win a few medals.

In 1952, he enrolled at Moorhead State Teacher's College, where he majored in social studies and physical education/health. Ron was a four-sport athlete in college and during that time received the "Outstanding Student in Minnesota Colleges and Universities" award.

Ron began his teaching career in 1956. He and his wife, Liz, raised five children - Barb, Beth, David, Jennifer and Karen. He died in October of 2016.



1,000 books

Just under the deadline before kindergarten began, Charlotte Johnson chose the book and doll for "Madeline" as her reward for reading 1,000 books before kindergarten. She is the daughter of Kelly and Michael Johnson. Pictured with Charlotte are Beth Fabian, left, with the Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition, and Angie Johnson, representing the Great River Regional Library in Staples. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a program to promote reading skills needed for children to be great readers before the third grade. (Submitted photo)

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 21, 2018

MINUTES

Public Comment

Amy Dinkel-VanValkenburg voiced her support for the Pine View School CUP Request.

Thomas F. Dinkel voiced his support for the Pine View School CUP Request.

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 21st day of August, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2018 as presented.

To approve the Human Resources Report for Personnel Actions dated August 21, 2018 as on file.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 49496 through 49632 in the amount of $168,438.39.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 514183 through 514264 in the amount of $134,214.76 and warrants number 703241 through 703344 in the amount of $139,023.11.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: to appoint Molly Robinson as a full-time Deputy Auditor-Treasurer at Grade 8, Step 1 $21.64 per hour with a tentative start date of September 4, 2018.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To ratify the MnCCC/Trimin Professional Services Agreement for IFS System Support.

Ditch Inspector

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT - REPLACE PRIVATE CROSSING - COUNTY DITCH 21

WHEREAS, Gary Reinbold is requesting to replace a 24" culvert crossing on his parcel 20-0025200, located on CD21. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and;

WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done, and his project was discussed at the TEP, and;

WHEREAS, the crossing will be two 24" culverts to accommodate larger equipment, and will be placed at original ditch bottom elevation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Gary Reinbold to replace an existing culvert crossing on CD21, with two 24" culverts, on his own property, parcel 20-0025200, at his own expense.

Facilities Committee

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Becker against: To approve the nonbudgeted request for the purchase of a Kubota F2880 unit and to use Funds from the Facilities Improvement for financial implications with reimbursement to said account in 2019.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To deny the CUP request for a sawmill on parcel #09-0001800 based on Planning Commission and staff recommendation.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the CUP request to establish Pine View School on parcel #15-0028400 with conditions developed by the Planning Commission.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the proposed amendment language for Big Swan Lake Resort CIC as recommended by the Planning Commission.

County Recorder

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A NEW DRIVER LICENSING AGENT

WHEREAS, on December 21, 1998 the MN Department of Public Safety appointed Cheryl Perish to the position of DRVER LICENSING AGENT. Cheryl Perish will be leaving county employment at the end of this year and therefore is resigning from the position of DRIVER LICENSING AGENT effective on the date that a new agent has been appointed, but no later than December 1, 2018, and;

WHEREAS, the office location was previously approved by the Dept of Public Safety and will remain the same within the Todd County Recorder's Office located in the Historic Courthouse at 215 First Avenue South #203, Long Prairie, MN. Only the Agent will be changing at this time.

WHEREAS, because this office is a county-administered office, not a county licensing bureau MN Statute 7404.350 Subd. 2 B directs the County Board to designate an employee or equivalent officer of the county to be appointed by the commissioner for the position of DRIVER LICENSING AGENT, and;

WHEREAS, under the authorization of Driver Licensing Agent Cheryl Perish, Linda Daoust has been the Supervisor for the Driver's License Division for a number of years. Ms. Daoust possesses the knowledge and experience in the laws and rules pertaining to the acceptance of applications, office management, accounting and record keeping in regards to the Driver Licensing Agent position.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the resignation of Cheryl Perish as the DRIVER LICENSING AGENT there will be a vacancy, the County wishes to continue offering the services affiliated with the Driver Licensing Agent, therefore;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board of Commissioners designate Linda Daoust as the new Driver Licensing Agent for Station 677 and recommend her to the MN Department of Public Safety to be approved by them to fill the position of DRIVER LICENSING AGENT for Station 677.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To ratify the PH-Doc Maintenance & Support Agreement with MCCC.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported that the Primary Election was held on August 14, 2018 with 20 percent (%) voter overall turnout in Todd County. A Special Board Meeting has been planned for August 29. Mobile Home property taxes are due August 31, 2018.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Interim Coordinator's Report

The Interim Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress.

Adjourn

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the meeting was adjourned for the month of August 2018.

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
ARC ELECTRIC SERV	$2,292.91
BROWERVILLE TRUCK WASH/BIG BOYZ	2,484.71
CDW GOV'T INC	2,121.08
CENTRAL APPS. INC	22,930.00
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC	39,861.25
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	5,542.23
KNIFE RIVER CORP	23,400.00
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER	2,535.94
NOREX GROUP, INC	4,743.96
ROYAL TIRE	8,586.12
STAPLES WORLD	3,623.35
TRUENORTH STEEL	6,811.92
TURNKEY/THREE SQ. MARKET	2,477.83
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	3,297.29
123 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	37,729.80
Total	**$168,438.39**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
BRENNY FUNERAL CHAPEL - STAPLES	3,500.00
DHS - SWIFT	42,488.38
V #15418 - COST EFF HEALTH INS	3,743.70
FRESHWATER ED. DISTRICT	17,024.00
V #13191 - COST EFF HEALTH INS	2,259.45
NORTHERN BUSINESS PRODUCTS	3,618.00
OTTER TAIL CTY HUMAN SERVICES	2,553.00
RURAL MN CEP INC	18,761.34
SCHULLER FAMILY FUNERAL - BERTHA	4,650.00
95 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	40,425.24
Total	**$139,023.11**

Vendor Name	$ Amount
#14524	$2,543.86
#14813	2,157.60
#14000	2,930.74
#15336	2,930.74
#15490	3,974.82
#14593	4,259.09
#15447	2,221.20
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS	5,002.27
KINDRED FAMILY FOCUS	7,084.43
#15511	6,940.59
LITTLE SAND GROUP HOME	6,942.45
LP KIDS - LP/GE SCHOOLS	2,537.44
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. OF MN ST PAUL	4,909.47
#10746	2,331.82
MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC	2,580.00
NORTH HOMES CHILD. & FAMILY SRVS	10,271.88
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR IN	5,030.50
#15286	3,922.74
#15543	2,758.34
VILLAGE RANCH INC	6,345.26
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	3,479.17
PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	43,060.35
Total	**$134,214.76**

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held August 21, 2018 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on September 4, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal:

Randy Neumann,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Todd County Board of Commissioners held August 29, 2018

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 29th day of August, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented.

County Commissioner

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To proceed with County Coordinator Candidate Interviews as scheduled.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the offer of the County Coordinator position to candidate Jonathan Stainbrook.

Adjourn

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held August 29, 2018 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on September 4, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal:

Randy Neumann,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Public Notices

TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
215 1st Ave. South, Suite 103
Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m..** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1. **Mary Robinson's "Summer Shores" Preliminary Plat:** PART OF SE4 OF SEC 27 DESC AS COMM AT NW COR OF LOT 1 BLK 2 OF HELEN'S LANDING, W 66.05 FT, NW 327.70 FT, NE 728.29 FT, N 66.05 FT, NW 327.70 FT, NE 728.29 FT, N 50.64 FT TO CTRLINE OF HWY 10, SW 1463.87 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE SE 166.77 FT, SW 108.03 FT, SE 59.70 FT, SE 170.92 FT, SE 65.64 FT, SE 49.90 FT, SE 59.09 FT, SE 21.95 FT, S 18 FT TO LAKESHORE, W'ERLY ALONG LAKESHORE 1369 FT TO W LINE OF GOVT LOT 1, N 524 FT, N 79.57 FT TO CTRLINE OF HWY 10, NE 1173.89 FT TO BEG

And

PART OF GOVT LOT 1 OF SEC 34 DESC AS COMM AT NW COR OF LOT 1 BLK 2 OF HELEN'S LANDING, W 66.05 FT, NW 327.70 FT, NE 728.29 FT, N 50.64 FT TO CTRLINE OF HWY 10, SW 1463.87 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE SE 166.77 FT, SW 108.03 FT, SE 59.70 FT, SE 170.92 FT, SE 65.64 FT, SE 49.90 FT, SE 59.09 FT, SE 21.95 FT, S 18 FT TO LAKESHORE, W'ERLY ALONG LAKESHORE 1369 FT TO W LINE OF GOVT LOT 1, N 524 FT, NE 1173.89 FT TO BEG in Leslie Township

Site Address: NA

PIN: 15-0031801 and 15-0040301

Request to review a proposed preliminary plat to establish six lots.

2. **Citizen Appointment Forum** – for new board members and re-appointed members.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters.

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

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CITY OF STAPLES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT
To parcel 38-0117105

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on October 9, 2018 at 122 6th St. NE to adopt the proposed assessment from a deferred assessment due to connection to sanitary sewer. The amount to be specially assessed against the parcel of land is $1,747.10. Such assessment is proposed to be payable in fifteen equal annual installments, the first of the installments to be payable in 2019 with interest at the rate of 5.5 percent. The first installment shall include interest on the entire assessment from the date of the assessment resolution until December 31, 2018. To each subsequent installment shall be added interest for one year on all unpaid installments.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the mayor or clerk of the city within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten days after service upon the Mayor or City Clerk.

Diane Archer, City Clerk

Published: 9-20-2018

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Saturday, Sept. 22

9 am Preview - 10 am Auction

Directions: 1620 Mary Fawcett Memorial Dr., East Gull Lake, MN. Approximately 5 miles west of Baxter on Hwy 210 to Cass Co. Rd. 18, two miles north of Confidence Learning Center, auction signs

Current items listed below with MORE arriving daily. Donations are still being accepted!

CARS, MOTORIZED VEHICLES:
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- 2002 GMC Sierra SLS, 239,000 miles
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AND MUCH MORE.

- Furniture: (tables, bedroom set, ect...)

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- 1991 Polaris EFI 500
- Coleman Canoe
- Outdoor Patio Grill Set

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Bea Olson 'once believed in heels and girdles'



A hug from her brother

Bea (Zakariasen) Olson of Staples was one of 12 children born to the late Louis and Cora Zakariasen. Four are still living. Bea, who turned 100 on Sept. 16, is pictured with her younger brother Jim Zakariasen. Their brother Louis was also in attendance at the party, but younger brother Albert was unable to attend. Jim and Louis, both of the Twin Cities area, each sang a song during the party in honor of their sister. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples, her church home since 1968, the year she and her husband Albert moved to town.

Friends and family came from far and wide to help celebrate Bea's special day. Two of her cousins traveled from Norway to be there; and others came from states such as New York, Ohio, Arizona and North Dakota. Everyone came to join in the celebration for Bea…an afternoon that included food, music and stories about the woman who continues to make a difference in their lives after all of these years.

Beatrice (Bea) was born in Bay Lake in 1918, the fourth of 12 children born to Louis and Cora Zakariasen. Their second child, Bernadine, died when she was just eight months old, at which point Bea became the oldest daughter. "There were eight boys and four girls," Bea reminisced. The family was very musical and faith was an important component of their home. "I grew up Methodist and Baptist," Bea said.

Her dad was a tailor and the family moved around quite a bit when she was a child. "It was during the Depression," Bea said. Eventually, the Zakariasens settled in the Twin Cities area when Louis worked as an upholster for Northwest Airlines. Bea graduated from Excelsior High School.

She loved learning and knew early on that she wanted to be a teacher. Even as a child, she would "play school" with her siblings, always taking on the role of "teacher."

After high school, Bea went on to study at St. Cloud Teachers College where she earned her teaching degree. She taught at four different places, including schools in Kimball, Maple Lake and Alexandria, the latter town being the one where she met her husband, Albert. They met at a boarding house, Bea's daughter, Cindi (Olson) Mertens, shared at the party.

She remembers her mom describing their dad as being polite, nice looking and clean-cut. Which, translated, meant, "he was hot," Cindi said.

Bea was the first to ask Albert on a date, so the story goes. He accepted and the two were married in 1948. Albert was 38 years old and Bea was just shy of being 30.

The newlyweds moved to International Falls, where Albert had a printing job. That is also where their two daughters, Debra and Cindi were born. Bea quit work to be a stay-at-home mom, but she never quit teaching. Her daughters recalled their mom teaching them how to sew, to bake and to play the piano when they were growing up. Bea was a very talented seamstress and baker, Cindi said, noting that her mother had sewn all of the bridesmaids' dresses for her wedding and baked the wedding cake. She continued to share these skills with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren over the years. "Grandma's cinnamon bread" has always been a favorite.

The Olsons spent a few years in Brainerd before moving to Staples on July 4, 1968. "I've lived in Staples half of my life," Bea said. Albert taught graphic arts at the Vocational Technical College and Bea was active from the start at Faith Lutheran Church. She taught Sunday School for many years, served as Sunday School Superintendent; and helped start the church's quilting project, along with her friend Marlys Drake.

"Mom's faith was always strong," Debra said. She went on to tell the story of when her mother had to have a kidney removed. The doctors were 98-percent sure it was cancer, Debra went on. The night before her surgery, Bea stayed up reading her Bible, praying and writing letters to her husband and young daughters. Debra remembers her mom telling her that at some point during the night, "I just decided that it doesn't have to be cancer."



Earlier days

Bea (Zakariasen) Olson, now of Staples, graduated from Excelsior High School in the 1930s and went on to get a teaching degree at St. Cloud State University. She married Albert Olson in 1948, when she was almost 30.



Norwegian birthday song

Ingrid Flor Lien and Kirsten Flor Lindboe, sisters from Grimstad, Norway, traveled to Minnesota recently to attend the 100th birthday party of their second-cousin Bea Olson. They are pictured singing "Happy Birthday" in Norwegian. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

The next day, the doctor found no sign of cancer and told Bea, "You can go and watch your girls grow up."

"She's lived 50 years with one kidney and all of her marbles," Debra told guests at the party.

Albert died in 2008, when he was 98 years old. "They made it to their 60th wedding anniversary," Debra said.

Their parents gave them a loving, stable home, Debra went on. The most important things they taught them, she added, were honesty, integrity, hard work, faith in God and kindness.

As she reflects on her past 100 years, Bea said she is very content. She remembers taking a trip out west once, but wasn't all that impressed. "I had seen the mountains and oceans on T.V.," she laughed. "I'm a homebody," she added.

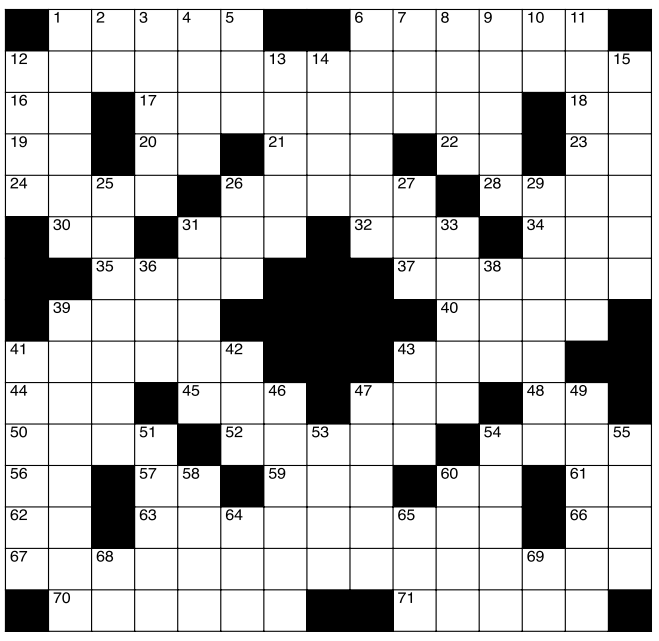
In 2004 or so, she did venture to take a helicopter ride during Railroad Days in Staples. "The people that owned it were Christians, so I figured I would be safe," Bea said with a smile.

Although she doesn't have plans to take another helicopter ride in the near future, Bea does plan to continue with all of her hobbies. She recently submitted a story to the Minnesota Women's Press entitled, "I Once Believed in Heels and Girdles." It was published in September, 2018, and is included below.

"I am a 100-year-old woman and they tell me I still have all my "marbles." But I don't have anyone my age to play marbles with. I'm the oldest resident of Lakewood Care Center in Staples. I became a teacher, I married when I was almost 30, and I raised two daughters. I would take the streetcar to downtown Minneapolis, peruse the fashions at Dayton's Oval Room, and then go home and duplicate them. I believe in God. I believe in family. And I believe in myself. I used to believe in girdles and three-inch spiked heels. Now I wear sensible great-grandma shoes (although I do have a fashionable red pair) and let my stomach fall where it may. I eat what I want (three servings of ice cream most days) and I say what I think (as long as it doesn't hurt anyone)." - Beatrice Olson

Crossword Puzzle

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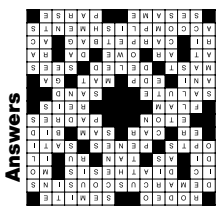


CLUES ACROSS
1. Where to shop
6. A descendant of Shem
12. NBA big man "Boogie"
16. Integrated circuit
17. Voice
18. Larry and Curly's buddy
19. Beloved English princess
20. Used to emphasize
21. Sun worshippers want one
22. Atomic # 44 (abbr.)
23. Lincoln's state
24. Selects
26. Organs present in invertebrates
28. Self-immolation by fire
30. Trauma center
31. Automobile
32. Mustachioed actor Elliott
34. Something to do at auctions
35. British School
37. San Diego ballplayers
39. Drumming pattern
40. One-time Portuguese currency
41. Honor
43. Beaches have it
44. Folk singer DiFranco
45. Electronic data processing
47. Where wrestlers ply their trade
48. The Peach State
50. Boat post
52. Omitted from printed matter
54. Witnesses
56. Indicates position
57. Atomic # 18 (abbr.)
59. Obliged to repay
60. Lead prosecutor
61. Sun God
62. The Ocean State
63. Seek opportunity without scruples
66. Keeps you cool
67. Achievements
70. A beloved street
71. Analyze minutely

CLUES DOWN
1. Cooks need one
2. A mystic syllable
3. Male parents
4. Greek goddess of discord
5. U.S.-based church (abbr.)
6. Movies have lots of them
7. Greek goddess of the dawn
8. Influential naturalist
9. Ancient town
10. Atlanta-based rapper
11. Animosities
12. Pop singer
13. Speak
14. One who lives in northern Burma
15. Not liquids
25. A framework
26. Peter's last name
27. Plants have it
29. To shorten a book
31. French philosopher
33. Murdered in his bathtub
36. Greek letter
38. A hiding place
39. Crazed supporters
41. Winged nut
42. Doctor of Education
43. Unhappy
46. Popular celeb magazine
47. __ and greets
49. Poke holes in
51. Beloved Mexican dish
53. Monetary unit of Angola
54. More wise
55. Pouches
58. Hindu's ideal man
60. Type of gazelle
64. Revolutions per minute
65. Energy unit
68. Cerium
69. Canadian peninsula

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Answers



Volunteer pastor earns state award from Sheriff's Association

Volunteer pastor Bryan Oothoudt was chosen as the Volunteer of the Year by the Minnesota Sheriff's Association.

Oothoudt was nominated by Wadena County Sheriff Michael D. Carr and Jail Administrator, Sgt. Bryan Savaloja. To be eligible for this award, Pastor Oothoudt had to meet the following criteria, which the nomination notes that he far exceeded:

o Has provided consistent service in the facility for three or more years and receives no compensation for his/her services and/or responsibilities.

o Provides needed services within the facility that have a measurable impact on the facility, staff, inmates and community.

o The nominee is self-motivated and desires to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

o Recognizes and demonstrates proper safety and security procedures within the facility.

o Recognizes and actively promotes diversity in the performance of his/her volunteer services.

o The nominee has other community involvement.

Oothoudt has been volunteering in the Wadena County Jail and leading Bible study sessions for the past 29 years. He receives no pay for his services, but says "The pay is nothing, but the benefit is out of this world."

Oothoudt provides all materials out of his own pocket and even caters in a full meal for the inmates around Christmas time every year. His services do not end when the inmate is released and he will still offer his services after release, if people choose.

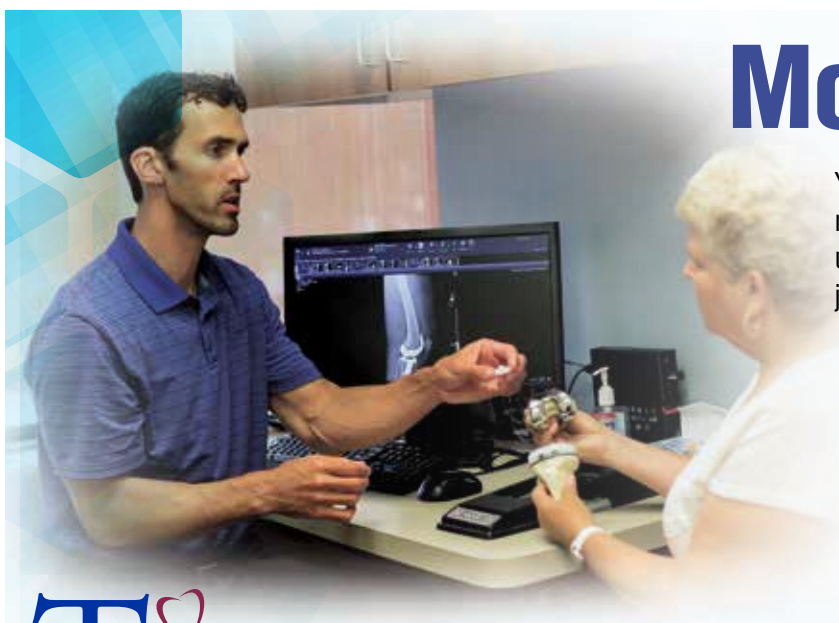
"We are thankful to have such a caring volunteer who is willing to come into our jail twice a week and spend time with our inmates," said Carr and Savaloja. "These actions do not go unnoticed by any employee of the Sheriff's Office and are certainly appreciated by the inmates of the Wadena County Jail."



Award for volunteering

Pastor Bryan Oothoudt, center, is the Minnesota Sheriff's Association Volunteer of the Year. He was nominated by Jail Administrator, Sgt. Bryan Savaloja, left, and Wadena County Sheriff Michael D. Carr, right. (Submitted photo)

Oothoudt was presented with his award on Sept. 13 at the 36th Annual Minnesota Sheriff's Association Jail Administrator's conference at Cragun's Resort.



Moving in the right direction

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Cardinals fly at CC meet

Left, Emmet Anderson kicks to the finish. Center, Madysin Hull runs past some opponents. Right, Bentley Christensen passes runners on an uphill. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

CC teams step it up in section preview

The Staples-Motley cross country teams ran extremely fast at the New London-Spicer Invitational on Sept. 13. In a meet that had most of the section teams on the couse where the section race will be held in October, most of the Cardinal runners had their fastest time of the season and many set personal records.

Emmet Anderson broke 16 minutes for the first time, winning the race in 15:51, the fastest time for a Minnesota Class A runner so far this year. The next three boys, Hunter Klimek, Ben Bartczak and Bentley Christensen also set PRs.

In the girls race, Kira Sweeney battled with the next top runner for the entire race, but ended up in second place. Her time of 19:32 was her fastest of the year by 50 seconds. Ashley Robben and Kyanna Burton ran together and finished with their best times of the year.

The boys' team finished second and the girls were fifth, although they didn't have one of their top runners finish because of a health issue.

It may have been a fast course, but the Cardinals proved they can run with the best teams in the section and should have a good shot to make it to state if they stay strong through October.

Team results

New London-Spicer Invitational



Fast finish

Ashley Robben and Kyanna Burton race to the finish line after running together for the 5,000 meter race. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Boys results: West Central 51, Staples-Motley 70, Lac qui Parle 92, Melrose 132, Holdingford 148, Benson 184, Breckenridge 217, Paynesville 226, Albany 255, Morris 258, Ottertail Central 262, New London-Spicer 311, Litchfield 328, Ortonville 403, St. John's Prep 434, Brandon-Evansville 435, BOLD 467, Sauk Centre 479, Eden Valley-Watkins 534

1. Emmet Anderson 15:51, 7. Hunter Klimek 16:49, 15. Ben Bartczak 17:23, 22. Bentley Christensen 17:42, 29. Tanner Robben 18:00, 39. Jack Tyrrell 18:17, 55. Brayden Christensen 18:42

Junior varsity: SM 1st of 13 teams - 1. Luke Brownell 18:24, 2. Isaac Christoffersen 18:45, 5. Austin Johnson 19:06, 8. Sam Jennissen 19:23, 14. Issiah Tabatt 19:31, 36. Jacob Schmitz 20:36, 90. Connor Judd 24:11, 123. Jonah Johnson 25:36, 165. Alex Brings 29:42

Girls scores: Eden Valley-Watkins 92, West Central 95, Morris 135, Lac qui Parle 137, Staples-Motley 140, Albany 141, Paynesville 158, Cauk Centre 176, New London-Spicer 189, Melrose 254, Benson 277, Ortonville 326, Royalton 329, BOLD 343, Litchfield 358

2. Kira Sweeney 19:32, 12. Ashley Robben 20:54, 13. Kyanna Burton 20:54, 57. Addisyn Cichos 23:46, 69. Abby Brown 24:14, 82. Madysen Hull 25:10

JV: 11. Mackenzie Wilds 24:48

Swim team making changes and seeing results

The Staples-Motley swimming team showed improvement in a dual meet against Minnewaska on Sept. 13 and again at an invitational at Park Rapids on Sept. 15.

"We've really been working the girls hard this last week and they're exhausted, but we're starting to see some of the pay off and that was fun," said Coach Amanda Olson. "We always have room for improvement in the details, and we're getting there."

Examples of Cardinals cutting times are Mandy Carter (1 second), Val Lozano (7 seconds), and Aften Robinson (5 seconds) in the 200 freestyle, Malaya Reem in her 50 freestyle (1 second), Joelle Bounds 6 seconds in her 100 butterfly and Aften Robinson a whopping 22 seconds in her 500 free from earlier this season and 8 seconds off her best from last season.

The Park Rapids Invitational was the first big meet for some of the girls.

"What an experience to be able to see some bigger schools compete at the level they do," said Olson.

Again, the Cardinals were faster in many events.

"We've been making stroke changes during practice and we're seeing it being applied in meets finally," said Olson.

Lili Schneider was the top finisher, placing 5th in the 100 breaststroke, out touching three swimmers, who were close behind.

Mandy Carter dropped 9 seconds off her 200 freestyle, Val Lozano dropped a second in her 50 free while Leah Crider dropped two seconds. Evelyn Gonzalez got back down to her best time in the 100 backstroke by dropping 2 more seconds and Leah Crider dropped four. Aften Robinson dropped three seconds in the 100 breaststroke, and Sabina Moe dropped five.

The team took 7th against Sauk Centre, Detroit Lakes, Brainerd, Melrose, Park Rapids, & Perham/New York Mills.



Cutting times

Staples-Motley/Verndale swimmers at the Park Rapids Invitational. (Submitted photo)

Team results

Staples-Motley 56, Minnewaska 94

Top 3 Finishers Varsity:

Medley relay of Adriana Dickey, Lili Schneider, Bounds, and Reem took 3rd

Bounds 3rd in the 100 Butterfly.

Schneider 2nd in the 100 Freestyle.

Robinson 2nd in the 500 Freestyle.

200 free relay of Brooke Ferdon, Reem, Dickey, and Robinson was 3rd.

Schneider won the 100 breaststroke by over 2 seconds.

400 free relay of Dickey, Reem, Bounds, and Schneider took 2nd.

Top 3 Finishers JV:

200 medley relay of Olivia Holmberg, Sabina Moe, Destiny Dukowitz, and Bel Birkholtz took 1st.

Gen Groetsch 3rd in the 100 IM and 3rd in the 100 freestyle.

The 200 free relay of Mazie Hopp, Groetsch, Birkholtz, and Dukowitz was 2nd.

Cardinal volleyball wins

The Staples-Motley volleyball team hung tough against Sebeka, but ended up dropping the final set for a 3-2 loss on Sept. 11. The team rebounded for a big 3-1 win against Bagley on Sept. 13.

Team results

Staples-Motley 2, Sebeka 3 (21-25, 25-22, 25-23, 19-25, 9-15)

Mackenna Bjerga: aces-2, digs-6, set assists-28, kills-1

Aubrey Brandt: digs-24, kills-4

Kiera Dumpprope: digs-6, kills-7, blocks-1

Alix Peterson: digs-6, kills-6

Bella Martin: aces-4, digs-15

Kiara Storry: digs-28, kills-2

Tabetha Allen: aces-1, digs-6, assists-1, kills-13, blocks-1

Heidi Lombard: digs- 45

Staples-Motley 3, Bagley 1 (25-13, 16-25, 25-15, 25-9)

Mackenna Bjerga: aces-1, digs-13, assists-28, kills-5

Aubrey Brandt: aces-2, digs-17, kills-5

Alix Peterson: digs-7, assists-3, kills-2, blocks-2

Bella Martin: aces-1, digs-7

Kiara Storry: digs-14, assists-1, kills-6, blocks-1

Kiera Dumpprope: aces-2, digs-11, kills-5, blocks-3

Tabetha Allen: aces-5, digs-2, kills-17, blocks-2

Heidi Lombard: digs-12, assists-2



Full speed to the end zone

Cade Schmidt (22) turns to corner and takes off to score the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter, while Logen Weite (44) throws a key block to clear the path. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals lose late lead

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Cade Schmidt scored a go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter, but the Staples-Motley football team couldn't hold the lead in a 34-28 loss to Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on Sept. 14.

Schmidt had three touchdowns in the game, while Josh Lombard scored one touchdown.

The Cardinals started well when Scout Strickland interecepted the first Long Prairie pass of the game. Lombard completed passes to Chase Davis and Jordon Carlson and ran for a first down, before Schmidt scored to take an early 6-0 lead.

Long Prairie scored twice to take the lead back, but Schmidt burst through the line for a 41 yard touchdown and added the two point extra point for a 14-12 lead.

That didn't last long when Long Prairie scored on a long pass. Late in the first half, Staples-Motley drove to the five yard line after runs by Schmidt and passes to Davis and Matthew Fisher. Lombard went back to pass then avoided tacklers and scrambled his way into the end zone with ten seconds left in the half. Schmidt added the two point conversion and Staples-Motley went into halftime up 22-20.

In the third quarter, the Cardinal offense slowed while Long Prairie added one touchdown. One missed opportunity came late in the quarter, when Staples-Motley drove to the seven yard line, but penalties moved them back and they were stopped on downs.

In the fourth quarter, a sack by Emmitt Winkels led to a Long Prairie punt, and the Cardinals started driving with quarterback Max Strickland, who replaced Lombard after an injury.



Hanging on for the tackle

Evan Nanik (27) pulls down a runner.

Strickland completed a pass to Carlson to get the drive going, and Schmidt carried it the rest of the way, including a 23 yard run around the right end for a 28-26 lead.

Long Prairie drove back quickly and scored a touchdown pass with 1:29 left. The Cardinals were unable to mount a threat in that short time.

Despite the loss, Staples-Motley made big plays and had only one turnover. Schmidt finished with 164 yards rushing and Lombard had 102 passing yards. But the defense struggled against the pass, giving up 218 yards through the air.

Team results

Staples-Motley 28, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 34

Rushing: Cade Schmidt 25-164 yards, 3 touchdowns; Josh Lombard 8-14

Passing: Lombard 9-21, 102 yards; Max Strickland 3-8, 22 yards

Receiving: Chase Davis 3-50, Jordon Carlson 4-37, Schmidt 1-14, Derek Kennedy 2-14, Matthew Fisher 2-9

Tackles: Schmidt 16, Scout Strickland 13, Logen Weite 6, Jasiah Paskewitz 3, Evan Nanik 4, Alex Giza 4, Charles Woodwick 2, Kennedy 1, Isaac Kronenberg 2, Ryan Wick 1, Blayne Dumpprope 1



Tip-toe catch

Chase Davis makes a catch along the sideline.

Good waterfowl opener expected

Duck hunting is expected to be good when Minnesota's regular waterfowl season opens a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, Sept. 22, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

"The number of breeding ducks in Minnesota and North America has remained fairly high in recent years, so hopefully that will result in a good duck season," said Steve Cordts, DNR waterfowl specialist. "We also heard favorable reports on the number of duck broods over the summer."

Wetland habitat conditions are variable across the state, with some dry conditions in the northern portion of the state.

"Canada goose hunting should improve as the season goes on," Cordts said. "We had a poor goose hatch this spring and hunting success so far in September has been fairly low."

Waterfowl hunting regulations are available wherever DNR licenses are sold and regulations are available online at mndnr.gov/regulations/hunting.

The daily duck bag limit remains six per day. The mallard bag limit remains four per day, including no more than two hen mallards. The daily bag limits are three for wood duck and scaup; and two for redheads, canvasbacks, pintails and black ducks.

Minnesota's goose season will reopen in conjunction with the duck season statewide on Sept. 22, with a bag limit of three dark geese per day the entire season. "Dark" geese include Canada geese, white-fronted geese and brant. The daily bag limit for light

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Young players compete against top teams

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team gained valuable experience by playing big school teams on Sept. 11 and at the Mid State Conference tournament on Sept. 15.

The Cardinals lost 7-0 to East Grand Forks, 7-0 to Bemidji and 5-2 to Detroit Lakes, with Rose Han and Jenna Dvorak getting wins at singles.

"These are great teams we are playing, with much more experience than our team," said Coach Jacque Doll. "We are young and improving every day, we can see great things happening."

As an example, Doll pointed to the effort given by singles players Lauren Rutten, Jenna Dvorak and Haley Cichos. "They are really leaving it all on the court," she said.

They lost 6-1 to Pequot Lakes on Sept. 13, and placed sixth of seven teams in the conference tournament on Sept. 15, where doubles matches were played on the Staples-Motley courts and singles were at Wadena.

In all the matches, new players were moved up to varsity due to illness, absences and lineup changes. In the dual matches, Keara Kern joined Torii Nienow on the number two doubles team, while Kenzie Erickson and Amy Rollins played at number three doubles. During the conference tournament, Jamie Hahn and Allison Knossalla had their first varsity action and actually won the first game they played, although they did not go on to win any matches.

"Everyone had to step up and shoulder a bigger load," said Coach Nick Doll. "It was another day of new experiences that leaves us stronger as a team at the end of the day."

Tasha Achermann was the top finisher at the conference tournament with a third place at number four doubles. Cichos earned her first win at number three singles and Dvorak won the consolation bracket at two singles.

Team results

Mid State Conference

Singles: (1) Rose Han 7th, (2) Jenna Dvorak 5th, (3) Haley Cichos 4th, (4) Tasha Achermann 3rd

Doubles: (1) Abbie DiGiovanni/Tiffany Achermann 6th, (2) Keara Kern/Georgia Kruchten 6th, (3) Jamie Hahn/Allison Knossalla 7th



Varsity additions

Kearra Kern, above, played at number two doubles in the conference tournament, while Allison Knossala and Jamie Hahn, below, were at three doubles. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





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Crane permit required

geese is 20. "Light geese" include snow, blue and Ross's geese. Goose season will be closed in the central and south duck zones when duck season is closed.

The season for sandhill cranes remains open through Sunday, Oct. 21, in the northwest goose and sandhill crane zone only. The daily bag limit will be one sandhill crane per day. A $3 sandhill crane permit is required in addition to a small game hunting license.

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Voter registration event at Weyerhaeuser Museum

In honor of National Voter Registration Day, the Morrison County Historical Society is hosting a voter registration event at The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum in Little Falls on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

A healthy democracy depends upon engaged voters. In order to be an engaged voter, one needs to be registered to vote. Registering to vote in Minnesota requires that one must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age on Election Day, a resident of Minnesota for 20 days and finished with all parts of any felony sentence. If a person has moved since last voting, their voter registration needs to be updated.

Museum staff will assist people in registering to vote in Minnesota. Registrants will have a choice to register online or use a paper application. Those who wish to register online will need their Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota identification card number, or the last four numbers of their Social Security number. These forms of identification can also be used with the paper application, although they are not required.

Museum staff will also be able to assist with checking to see whether someone is already registered to vote.

This event is free and open to the public. There is no charge to enter the museum. During the event, those registering to vote are encouraged to view the museum's exhibits, including Central Minnesota Remembers Vietnam.

For more information, call 320-632-4007.

Motley City Council approves 2019 preliminary levy

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At a special meeting Sept. 17, the Motley City Council approved the 2019 preliminary levy in the amount of $375,938, which is a two-percent increase from 2018.

The preliminary levy for the City of Motley includes:

- General Fund, $203,626
- Fire Fund, $16,180
- Street Improvement Fund, $51,632
- Beaulieu Project Bond, $45,000
- 2011A Street Bond, $16,175
- 2012A Street Bond, $43,325.

The Proposed 2019 Budget includes wages with annual step increases for all full-time employees; a 1.5 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the employees wage step structure; and a pay increase of $50/month for the mayor and council members as approved at the regular Sept. 10 council meeting. The city's contribution for full-time employee benefits will remain the same in 2019.

Prior to the special meeting, the council and city staff held a second work session to discuss, adjust and review the 2019 proposed budget and levy. Their first work session had been held on Aug. 20, at which time they began the budget process with a $414,916 levy. During that work session, they had been able to get down to a $403,872 levy, which was a 9.58 percent increase from the 2018 levy.

At their work session Sept. 17, the council and city staff worked to further reduce the proposed budget and levy.

In the end, they were able to get down to a two-percent levy increase from 2018. They did this by removing money from the General Fund portion of the levy intended to fund future capital purchases, including a new police department vehicle ($10,000 budgeted), a new public works vehicle ($5,000 budgeted), and park improvements/equipment ($5,000 budgeted). The future capital purchases will still receive an increase in their committed funds, as the council plans to change the commitment of the City Hall Building fund money (which is currently being held in reserves) at a future council meeting. It was noted that this transfer of funds would be a one-time fix and next year they would have to come up with a different plan.

Per their discussion, the council and staff noted that there were not any major building projects in the works so they were comfortable drawing from this reserve fund.

Prior to making this decision, discussion had included the possibility of cutting expenses by not adding an additional full-time officer to the police department. Council member Steve Johnson was in favor of hiring a part-time officer for now, noting that the city could always hire a full-time officer at a future date but that it would be more difficult to go from a full-time to a part-time officer. Mayor Al Yoder countered that the council had already approved hiring a full-time officer. He went on to point out that Police Chief Jason Borash is very busy and an additional full-time officer is needed.

A Truth in Taxation public hearing is set for Monday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. prior to the regular council meeting, at which time the council may adopt the final levy and budget for 2019. Prior to that day, the budget may be discussed at any of the future council meetings.

In other matters, the council:

- APPROVED the Sunday liquor license application from Bremer's Bar.
- APPROVED a proclamation recognizing National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day.
- SET a performance evaluation for Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja for Oct. 8, at 5 p.m.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Sept. 10 - The MPD responded to a report of a snake on East River Rd. in Motley, which the caller believed to be some type of cobra. Chief Jason Borash verified that it was an Eastern Hognose snake, He assisted it into the ditch.

Sept. 7 - The MPD received a report of juveniles playing basketball at the middle school in Motley. Due to a problem with vandalism at the school, a night janitor asked the subjects to leave. He stated that they told him to "go fly a kite." The responding officer was not able to locate the juveniles.

Sept. 7 - The MPD received a report of a mailbox that had been damaged at a Cedar St. W. residence in Motley.

Sept. 7 - The MPD issued a citation to Bernice Olson, 61, for not moving over for an emergency vehicle.

Sept. 7 - The MPD received a call from Orton's BP in Motley, reporting a female who shoplifted some candy, valued at $2.29 plus tax. The store's manager was able to get a license plate number and vehicle description as the vehicle left, heading north on Hwy 10. Law enforcement called the registered owner and were told that the family was on their way to the Twin Cities and would stop at Orton's and pay for the candy.

Sept. 6 - The MPD received a call from the Motley Area Food Shelf reporting that people are illegally dumping their garbage and other large items (such as mattresses and cabinets) in the dumpster at the food shelf.

Sept. 11 - The MCSO received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Cass County on Hwy 210. Transferred calls to state patrol and Cass Cty and also paged Motley Fire and Rescue for unknown injuries.

Sept. 11 - The MCSO arrested Stefan Scott Tucker, 44, on an outstanding warrant. Address involved was at the 270th St. in Cushing.

Sept. 9 - The MCSO received a call regarding a hay bale on fire at the 9000 block of Hwy 64 SW in Motley. Motley Fire was paged.

Sept. 6 - The MCSO executed a warrant service at the residence of Brian John Prozinski, 48, in Cushing. Prozinski came out to the roof of his residence and was advised that he was under arrest for his felony warrant. Prozinski refused to comply with deputies' orders to come down off of the roof and surrender. He proceeded to climb a nearby tree and was eventually taken into custody. He was transported to the Morrison County Jail without incident. Subject was additionally charged with obstructing legal process.

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
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer .....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonlight (Kids Program).... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group .....5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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

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. Gabriel Walz
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.
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m

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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.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
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Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
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Worship and Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.

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Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
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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. Gabriel Walz
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
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218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.
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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.

He Must Become Greater; I Must Become Less.

John 3:30

Pastor Paul Johnson, Staples Alliance Church

We can learn a lot from John the Baptist. As the older cousin of Jesus, John had a powerful ministry, preaching a message that would prepare the way for the coming Messiah. The natural tendency of fallen human nature is to jealously protect what is ours - whether it is fame, our reputation or the things we possess - the limelight does have its pull. But John knew his role; he was not the King, only the one sent to smooth the road for the King's coming; he was not the Groom, but rather the friend who made the preparations for the wedding celebration.

Others have followed in John's wake. Andrew introduced his younger brother Peter to Jesus, and then "faded into the background" of Peter's shadow. Barnabas contented himself to coming alongside and encouraging others, like Paul, to greatness. What a lesson in selflessness!

Take Edmund Halley as another example. C.S. Kirkendall, Jr. writes:

Every young student knows of Isaac Newton's famed encounter with a falling apple. Newton discovered and introduced the laws of gravity in the 1600s, which revolutionized astronomical studies. But few know that if it weren't for Edmund Halley, the world might never have learned of Newton. It was Halley who challenged Newton to think through his original notions. Halley corrected Newton's mathematical errors and prepared geometrical figures to support his discoveries. Halley coaxed the hesitant Newton to write his great work, Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy. Halley edited and supervised the publication and actually financed its printing even though Newton was wealthier and easily could have afforded the printing costs.

Historians call it one of the most selfless examples in the annals of science. Newton began almost immediately to reap the rewards of prominence; Halley received little credit. He did use the principles to predict the orbit and return of the comet that would later bear his name, but only after his death did he receive any acclaim. And because the comet only returns every seventy-six years, the notice is rather infrequent. Halley remained a devoted scientist who didn't care who received the credit as long as the cause was being advanced.

"He must become greater; I must become less." Deference is intriguing as a virtue because it's the forward act of stepping backward for the benefit of another's welfare. It's the attitude of Jesus Himself who, "being in very nature did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:6-8). He did this for your welfare, and mine.

Has God been speaking to you lately about such a posture? If He has, how will you respond?

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