

Rengel to speak at Fourth of July program

Jack Rengel will be the featured speaker at the July 4 Staples Veterans Park celebration, with the program starting at 10 a.m.

Rengel was born and raised in Staples. He graduated in 1964, received a BA from St. Cloud State University and was drafted in 1969. He attended Vietnamese language school at Fort Bliss, then was attached to the 101st Airborne as a POW interrogator with I Corps near the DMZ. After

grad school in 1974, he lived and worked in California in sales and management positions. After retiring in 2009, he purchased the family home to spend summers in the Staples area. He is presently working part time at The Vintage golf course.

On July 4, Huck Holst will be the emcee for the event. Refreshments and brats will be available.

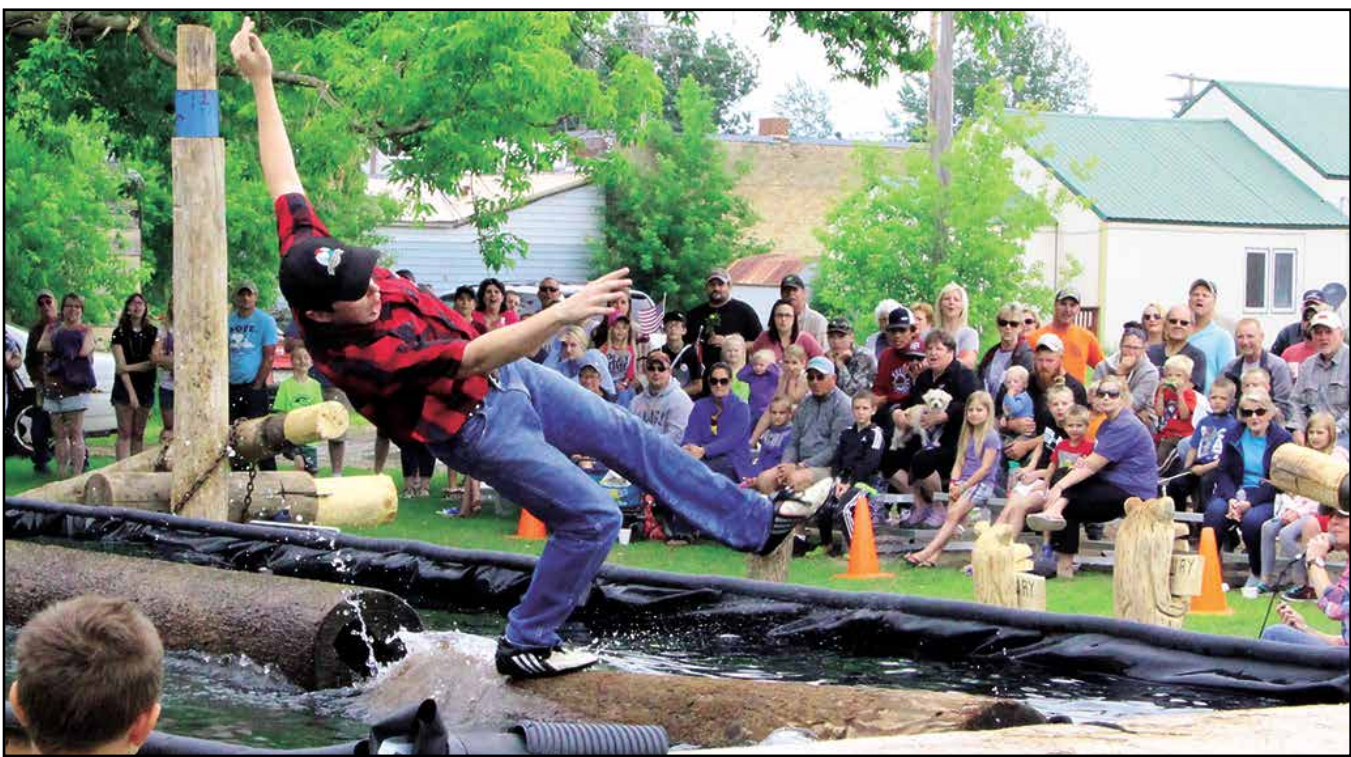
Commemorative granite pavers will be dedicated for the following veterans:

- Specialist 4th Class Thomas Larson, U.S. Army 1972-75
- Sergeant Michael Snook, U.S. Army, 44th Signal Corps, 1966-69
- Specialist 4th Class Leo E. Olson, U.S. Army 1964-67
- Yeoman 1st Class Virgil D. Bredemeier, U.S. Navy 1942-46, World War II



Jack and jeep

Jack Rengel was a POW interrogator near the DMZ (demilitarized zone) during the Vietnam War. Pictured, Rengel on an Army jeep during that era. (Submitted photo)



Making a big splash at June Fest

The Lumberjack show drew a big crowd at the Motley June Fest on June 22, as the audience watched competitions of chain sawing (below), hand sawing, climbing, axe throwing and, pictured above, the boom run on logs in a tank of water. All of the competing

lumberjacks got their jeans and flannel shirts soaked before the end of the run. See more June Fest photos throughout this issue. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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Weather

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This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
June 26	85°	60°	P. Cloudy
June 27	84	62	Storms
June 28	86	66	P. Cloudy
June 29	88	68	M. Sunny
June 30	88	67	P. Cloudy
July 1	86	63	P. Cloudy
July 2	84	62	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2018

	High	Low	Cond.
June 26	68°	52°	Cloudy
June 27	82	62	Sunny
June 28	87	64	Sunny
June 29	92	72	Sunny
June 30	88	69	Rain
July 1	82	61	Rain
July 2	85	65	P. Sunny

Average Temp.:
H = 78° Low = 59°

Total Rain
(Last 7 days,
June 15-20): .90"
2019: 10.10"

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School budget balanced, board looks at funding, bidding process

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley school district is projecting a balanced budget for next year, Business Manager Chuck Herdegen told the school board at their June 17 meeting. He said the budget will continue to spend down the reserve fund and will also increase the long term facilities maintenance (LTFM) money, which will increase the tax levy. Herdegen recommended that the school sell \$1.5 million worth of bonds, which will also help spread out payments and keep taxes flat.

The LTFM dollars must be spent on facility improvements. Superintendent Ron Bratlie provided the board with a proposal from Nexus Solutions on how to spend the money, with HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) the top priority for the high school and elementary school.

Board member Brad Anderson asked why Nexus was doing the proposal when they were hired to pass the referendum that failed in May. Anderson suggested going out to get other vendors to bid on the proposal.

Bratlie replied that Nexus already has the information from the building project. "They are doing a proposal based on what we have been through," said Bratlie. He said any company would use square footage estimates for HVAC, so it

doesn't matter who does it at this point. He said when a plan is ready to be approved, they will send out for bids at that time to design the project.

Board member Chad Longbella asked how HVAC became the top priority for the district, and asked if there was another project that could have a more direct educational value.

Bratlie said the LTFM dollars can only be used for facility improvements. Buildings and Grounds Supervisor LeRoy Peterson said the HVAC in the high school is a priority because the shop area can leak dust and smoke into the rest of the school. "You can smell it in the hallways, it's not good, you have health and safety concerns," said Peterson.

Board member Bruce Lund suggested talking more about it at the board's July work session.

The board questioned another bid situation when Bratlie presented proposed rates for liability and workers compensation insurance. Bratlie said he contacted the current insurance vendor, Weizenegger-Engel, for a quote that came back twelve thousand dollars lower than last year's rate, and also asked another company, Vaaler Insurance, which proposed a \$23,600 reduction. Herdegen said those would be one time reductions, and the rate will not continue to go down.

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Lakewood honored with Trailblazer award

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Lakewood Health System, Staples, has been recognized by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota as a Trailblazer for its Food Access Initiatives which have been shown to reduce ER visits, improve quality of life and improve mental health.

Dr. Craig Samitt, President & CEO of Blue Cross, presented the Trailblazer Award to Tim Rice, President and CEO of Lakewood, at a special ceremony June 6, at the LHS main campus in Staples.

Rice expressed thanks for the award on behalf of Lakewood, going on to note

the importance of those who have partnered with them to address food insecurity in this area. They couldn't have done it alone, Rice said, mentioning the City of Staples, Kinship, Todd and Wadena counties, local food shelves, Central Lakes College, Hilltop Kitchen, local growers, farmers markets, Staples-Motley Schools and others.

The needs are real. Rice mentioned a patient they were made aware of that was using the ER excessively. Subsequently, they learned that this person did not have enough food at home to take their prescribed medicine.

There were other stories as well. Rice mentioned the

tears of joy they have seen from people who wouldn't have had a Thanksgiving dinner, or means to prepare it, without the food and the crock pot they received thanks to Lakewood's Food Access Initiatives.

To address food insecurity, Lakewood physicians conduct a social determinant of health screening on patients. Those who are food insecure have access to the following resources based on their screening results:

- "Acute care packs" (food box) that fulfill 72 hours worth of need and

See **TRAILBLAZER** on page 14a



Sharing the Trailblazer story

Alicia Bauman (at podium), Community Health Director at Lakewood Health System, shared about the ways Lakewood has been working to address food insecurity during the Blue Cross Trailblazer Tour stop at Lakewood June

6. Lakewood was recognized by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota for its Food Access Initiatives which have been shown to reduce ER visits, improve quality of life and improve mental health. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley City Council hears update on grants received

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Lacey Smieja, City Clerk/Treasurer, gave an update on grants at the Motley City Council's regular meeting June 10.

Grants received (not including automatic grants, state aid or other reimbursements) include:

- \$2,000 from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation for tennis court lights (this was a 50 percent matching grant)
- \$2,000 from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation for appliances at the new pavilion at Converse Park (this was a 50 percent matching grant)
- \$100 from the MCFOA (Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association of Minnesota) for Clerk's Institute Tuition
- \$100 from Sourcewell for Clerk's Institute Tuition.

There are also two outstanding grants, Smieja said. One from the Morrison County Area Foundation in the amount of \$2,000, to be used for the pavilion project; and the other from the MN DNR in the amount of \$2,606, to be used by the Motley Fire Department for various equipment.

Additionally, the city is part of the Staples-Motley Childcare Task Force that was awarded \$10,000 from the Initiative Foundation to be used in developing a plan to address the childcare shortage issue in the area.

In other matters the council:

- HEARD a summary of a closed meeting held May 13, regarding the

performance review for Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director. Brotherton received 52.4 out of 56 points, which is highly satisfactory. Acting Mayor Steve Johnson thanked Brotherton for his work and told him he was doing a good job.

- HEARD the May 2019 Motley Fire Department (MFD) report from Chief Brad Olson which included 14 calls. Olson also said that the department would like to advertise for additional firefighters. When asked about the upcoming parade season, Olson said the MFD has been invited to participate in a few area festivals.

- HEARD the May 2019 police report from MPD Chief Jason Borash, which included 135 calls and 37.5 hours spent helping at Motley-Staples Middle School.

- HEARD the May 2019 Public Works Department report as presented by Brotherton.

- LEARNED that the painter for the city's water tower planned to be there in the near future. The water tower will be offline on July 15, when crews begin blasting the inside.

- APPROVED Brotherton's request for the public works department to apply for a \$2,500 grant from Sourcewell. Funds would be used for lighting at the tennis court.

- HEARD the May 2019 Water Usage Report as presented by City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja. It showed a six percent difference in total gallons of water accounted for and the total gallons pumped.

- APPROVED the Public Nuisance List, which

includes 63 properties in city limits. Letters will be sent to all property owners and they will have a few weeks to get things done. Chief Borash said if the property owners completely ignore the letters they will be given a citation. Council member Amy Hutchison noted that there may be some people on the list who are unable to address the issues due to health, etc. If there is a problem, they should come to the city and ask for help.

- HEARD an update on the Converse Park Pavilion Project. At present, \$2,000 in actual revenue has been received, thanks to a Staples Motley Area Community Foundation grant. The total estimated revenue for the project is \$15,000. The total estimated expenses total \$56,922. Possible funding sources include the 401 Capital Projects Fund (money already set aside for Parks projects) and the Ten-Percent Fund.

- APPROVED donating \$550 toward Motley Youth Swimming Lessons. Lessons are held at the Staples Community Center.

- APPROVED a request from the Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce to have fireworks at the June Fest event June 22.

- APPROVED the job description and pay scale for a Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position.

- APPROVED accepting donations from several parties which will be placed in the fire department's truck fund.

- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, July 8, 6:30 p.m.



Artist at work

Tammara DeJesus (far right) paints an artistic design on the face of Clara Judd, Motley, during the recent June Fest in Motley. Also pictured, from left, are Elizabeth Tangeman and Jayden Mi-

chael. The face painting booth was one of several children's activities and games that were set up in Converse Park. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Motley June Fest memories



Love those chicken wings, matey

The Wings Fest, featuring a variety of flavors, was a popular destination for June Fest attendees again this year. BRICKS Travel Center (top) brought home the Judges Choice and Best theme awards. Pictured from left

are Brent Johnson and Angie Meyers. The Peoples Choice award went to TR Ranch of Cushing (not pictured). Below, Mike Corner of Up In Smoke BBQ, serves up some spicy wings to AJ Nienow of Motley.



Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

June 18 - The MPD assisted Cass County with searching for a male suspect which fled from them in a motor vehicle and had crashed into Mosquito Creek at 124th St. SW, Motley.

June 18 - The MPD was advised by city hall that they received a call from a resident who had seen a black bear in her back yard messing with her bird feeders. The bear has been seen recently in town at night and caught on camera at Converse Park as well.

June 14 - The MPD responded to a report of a hit and run accident that occurred in the parking lot at Country Terrace Apartments.

June 19 - The MCSO responded to a report of a road rage incident on Hwy 10 near Cushing.

June 18 - The MCSO received a report of property damage at the 2000 block of Pine View Blvd.,

Motley.

June 18 - The MCSO provided lights and traffic control for a semi truck that went off the road to avoid multiple deer at Hwy 10 near Motley.

June 14 - The MCSO assisted DOC (Depart-

ment of Corrections) with arresting a subject in the City of Cushing. The subject, Zachary Bielejeski, was taken into custody and transported to jail on his DOC warrant without incident.



Crash simulator

Ryan Plattner of Motley tried out the 'Seat Belt Convincer' during the June Fest event in Motley. At left is Mayor Al Yoder (also a Morrison County Deputy) who oversaw this event that day. Yoder explained that the Seat Belt Convincer simulates a low-impact collision, enabling passengers to experience the actual force generated during a 5 - 10 mph collision. Plattner said he experienced "a really good jar."



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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1944

• June 29, 1944 - By a decree of the retail committee of the Staples Commercial Club Tuesday evening of this week, all business places in Staples will be closed all day on July 4.

• June 29, 1944 - Seven women of Motley came to Staples Wednesday afternoon to spend from 1:30 until 5 o'clock working in the surgical dressings unit of the Staples chapter of the Red Cross. They are assisting in the completing of the last quota of 4x4

Compiled by
Dawn Timbs

surgical dressings which was delivered to the local unit week before last, and which was started the first part of last week.

• June 29, 1944 - Batch-er's Federated Store in Staples advertised 'Bare-Foot Sandals' priced at \$1.98. "For fun and frolic, for office duties or gadding about town on hot summer days, these are the shoes you want. Brown and black patent, red and navy blue. Sizes 4 to 8," the ad says.

50 Years Ago - 1969

• June 26, 1969 - On Saturday, June 28, Staples newest industry, the Benson Optical Company, will hold an open house for the public of their facilities located on North Fourth Street. They began production in their new quarters, constructed by the Staples Development Corporation, on Dec. 28. In the 13,000 square foot laboratory, Benson processes not only glass lenses, but also a new non-glass lens called Durikon, which was introduced by the firm seven years ago.

Heading the laboratory in this city are Kenneth Richardson, lab customer relations manager, and Ellsworth Perkins, production lab manager. The



Staples World mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our June 30, 1983 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email

new industry presently employs 31 people.

• June 26, 1969 - Many attractions and events are being scheduled as final plans and preparations are underway for the staging of the 59th Annual Morrison County Fair at Motley July 28, 29 and 30. This year's exposition will feature many exhibits, attractive booths in the pavilion, free acts, the Miss Motley contest and Midway shows, according to Morley Thorsett, president of the Motley Fair Association.

25 Years Ago - 1994

• June 30, 1994 - Crazy Days, Mud Bog Races, Grass Roots Parade, gospel variety show, street dance, track meet, sand volleyball, softball - these are just a few of the many events scheduled for July 8 - 10 during Staples Mud Doggin' Days, which are coordinated by the Staples Area Chamber of Commerce.

• June 30, 1994 - "I still vividly remember the wreck," Mark Phillips, 42, Cloquet, said. Phillips was the only survivor of the four crew members in the front engines of the two

Burlington Northern Railroad trains that collided head-on between Motley and Pillager ten years ago this month.

The wreck killed three men and was said to be the worst train wreck anyone in this area had seen. It happened at about 1 a.m. June 14, 1984. Six locomotives and 49 cars, 21 of which were loaded with coal headed for Superior, were derailed in that accident. Damage was estimated at three and a half to four million dollars.

• June 30, 1994 - Senior Trevor Peterson was named the 1994 team's most Valuable Player. This year Peterson qualified for the state tournament for the second year in a row, a first for a Cardinal male golfer. Named the Most Improved players for this season were Steve Hoemberg for the junior high squad and Chuck Stevens for the senior high. Most Improved varsity player was Malcolm Gold.

10 Years Ago - 2009

• June 25, 2009 - Long time member of the Old Wadena Society, Ruth

Chapman of Bullard Township, was presented with the Old Wadena Founder's Award on June 17.

• June 25, 2009 - Tim Rice, Lakewood Health System president, was recognized for his innovations and leadership in rural health care at the Minnesota Rural Health Conference June 16, in Duluth. Rice received the Minnesota Rural Health Hero award for his role in strengthening medical services in central Minnesota.

• June 25, 2009 - An eight-year-old boy was electrocuted Monday night on a rural Browerville farm and died a short time later, according to the Todd County Sheriff's Office. Todd County deputies identified the victim as Wendel Lamor Fox.

• June 25, 2009 - The Staples Motley American Legion team claimed their fifth and sixth wins without a loss this past week, with a 8 - 0 win Wednesday, June 17 over W-DC and a 4-2 win over Sebekka on Monday, June 22.



On national stage

Staples World Managing Editor Mark Anderson gives a speech at the U.S. Women of Today convention in Duluth on June 15. The speech, "Make a Splash in your Local Newspaper," is printed on page 4a in this week's Staples World. Anderson was invited to speak because his wife, Nicky Anderson, is a former U.S. Women of Today President.



National awards

U.S. Women of Today Past President Nicky Anderson, left, of Staples, receives her Past President pin and Lifetime Membership plaque for the Women Of Today. Presenting it to her is national president Laura Gaylord from New Ulm. Anderson served at the national level from 2014-2019. (Submitted photo)



And the answer from last week is...

Last week's mystery photo published in the June 23, 1994 edition of the Staples World featured Anna and Irene Olson, mother and daughter, the recipients of the Yard of the Month Award presented by the Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club of Staples.

Sherry Miller Frisk of Motley and Linda Heier of Staples correctly identified the Olsons as well as their dog, Tippy; Marilyn Holst, Gayle Wonders and Bob Shea of Staples correctly identified the Olsons, but not their dog; and Brian Bates (retired postal carrier) of Staples said

this house was on his mail route and he remembered the ladies' last name was Olson and their dog's name was Tippy. Linda shared that they were her neighbors for over 40 years. She lived at 404 6th St. SE and the Olsons address was 400 6th St. SE. Marilyn also added that Anna and Irene "... loved gardening and growing beautiful flowers. They were so proud to be chosen Yard of the Month. A great couple of ladies." Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



Mystery solved

Last week's second mystery photo published in the June 19, 1969 edition of the Staples World featured the engagement announcement of Mary L. Schroeder to Marvin Giza. The announcement was made by Mary's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Schroeder of Long Prairie. It noted that Marvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Giza.

Brian Bates of Staples incorrectly identified Mary as Pam Rockvam. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



Patriotic kids

Children wave their American flags at the Motley Junefest parade June 22. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Omitted from Honor Roll

The end of the year 'B Honor Roll' for Staples-Motley High School, printed in last week's Staples World, should have included the

name of Jacob Carpenter, a junior. His name was inadvertently omitted from the list.



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HOUSEHOLD

- Cedar chest
- Lg. hide-a-bed couch
- Sm. hide-a-bed couch
- Humidifier, new
- Two small closets
- Folding chairs
- Table w/ two leaves
- Hoover carpet cleaner
- Kenmore vacuum
- Oscillating heater
- TV antenna (FM/UHF)
- Storage boxes & totes

ANTIQUE/ COLLECTIBLE

- 50-yr-old table and server from Korea with inlaid shell décor
- Old trunk
- Clock from Germany
- Wall clock
- Antique dresser w/mirror, 4 drawers
- Original Shirley Temple doll, 80 yrs. old
- Round end table
- Hand meat grinder
- 4 gal. Red Wing crock
- 100-yr.-old oak wardrobe closet
- Old round picture frames

MISCELLANEOUS

- Bread slicer
- Canning jars
- Kitchen items
- Air mattress
- Canon printer, new
- Bird bath/ flower pots, stone
- Hand meat saw
- 12 volts or 110 cooler

TOOLS/ YARD

- Misc. hand tools
- Hammers & wrenches
- Tool bench
- Funnels
- Many misc. items too numerous to mention

ESTATE Items from Park Rapids

- 2 Electric wheelchairs
- 2 wheelchairs
- Walls mount fold down bed
- Lamps & pictures
- Bed & frame
- Large China hutch
- Dressers
- Some Kitchen items
- Roller tray
- Filing cabinets
- Lift
- Weed eater
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Make a splash in your local newspaper

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

(From a speech given at the United States Women of Today Convention on June 15)

Hello Women of Today, thanks for inviting me to speak. I appreciate everything you have done for our family, from watching Nicky grow through this organization. I have learned how all the things at the state and national level are directed to help the chapters at the local level. Because that's where I spend my life, at the local level.

Everything I do is local. I work at a local newspaper. We only print news that affects our local community. If you tell me about something that happens two towns over, I won't care, it won't go in our newspaper.

The entire purpose of a local newspaper is to define that community. What are the hopes and dreams of the people there? What is going on in town? What are the things that you will want to remember or the things that will shape your future?

That's why you people are newspaper gold. You are the heart of your community, you know what is going on and you fill the needs and gaps in the community.

Why use the local newspaper? Newspapers have advantages over social media, besides the fact we're not stealing your data and selling it to Amazon, Google, Russia and China.

The newspaper is still the only platform that has all of the local news in one place every week. If you find the local news online, too often on social media you only get part of the story, little or no context, and more opinion than fact. I remember one of the first Facebook posts I ever read: "I can't wait until Thursday." That was it. I still don't know what happened on Thursday.

The newspaper always makes sure there is a who, what, where and when in every story, and often the why and how. I'll give you an example, our community just had a school building referendum recently, and our newspaper reported on every building related meeting the school had, a process that went on for four or five years. We must have had 100 stories about it.

However, most people didn't pay attention to

it until a month or two before the vote. The school held more informational meetings, and people kept asking questions that had been answered in the newspaper. No problem, we printed again what people wanted to know and recaps of how the school got to their final project.

But nobody could stop the disinformation flying around social media. There were nasty personal insults, and many people believed the untrue information. I had several letters to the editor that I had to take portions out because I knew they were not accurate.

The people who read the newspaper, I hope, voted using the correct information. The referendum failed, and some of the school board is blaming it on the lies told on social media. Negativity and false information spreads so fast, you really need to support a way to have truthful conversations about public issues.

Here's the advantage the newspaper has: there is an editor or another person verifying that the information came from a trusted source, that it is accurate, and that it has a community purpose. Also, if you are lucky, you have professional writers and photographers who love to help create a professional story.

That's why you should support your local newspaper. You get the mutual benefit of supporting a local business that just happens to be in the business of promoting your organization.

Like everything else, it's up to you to help the process. You will often have to send the information yourself. Make sure you are sending high quality content that is easy for the newspaper to put on their page.

As an editor, I love stories I don't have to edit. Did you know that the Gettysburg Address is only 272 words? If Abraham Lincoln could repurpose the entire Civil War in 272 words, I'm sure we can tell the story of our volunteer of the year in 300 words.

And that isn't to sell the story short, it means getting to the important parts right away, and telling the story the way you would tell it to a friend. When the friend starts to lose interest, it's time to wrap up the story. We like interesting stories more than loads of information.

How you send it is important. Newspaper

pages are made on a computer, so send your information directly to that computer. Email works the best. And don't send the story as an attachment we have to open, or google docs, send it right in the text of the email so we can see it, copy and paste it right into the story.

Make sure you write all stories in newspaper form. That means use the third person voice, which is "they, he, and she", instead of first person, which is "We, or I". Also don't use second person, which is "you", as in "you are invited to this event..." Instead say "the public is invited..."

If you include an opinion, like "everybody loved the event and it's going to be even better next year," make sure you put that in quotes and attribute the name of the person who said that. Go ahead and quote yourself, we don't mind.

Photos are great to go with stories. You have multiple cameras at every event, since everyone has a cell phone. But don't send them all, or tell us to pick one off of your Facebook page, we might not ever get to that. Instead send one or two of your best photos to that same computer, or for a big event up to three or four, and this time it has to be an attachment, in .jpeg form. Not on a word document or some photo service. If possible, send the names of every person in the photo, it will be more likely to get printed if you do that.

There are times when you will have to buy an ad instead of getting a free story. Like fundraisers. Our general rule is if you make money, then we should also make money for helping you promote it. So buy an ad for that.

That can also go for membership events. There isn't necessarily a community purpose for your membership drive, so you might want to buy an ad to make sure it gets into the newspaper.

On the other hand, I have covered some M-events as a news story if it is an interesting event or something new, like when we had the Amazing Race in Staples.

You can even send updates from your monthly meeting, to tell the world what you have done and what you will be doing next. It may not get printed every month, but it will keep people up to date with all you do.

So those are some of the basics, but there are many

ways you can push things to a higher level.

Build relationships with your local media so they pay more attention to you. You will see the reporters at events or just at the grocery store, go talk to them. They are always looking for story ideas, so talk about what's going on in town. Also read the newspaper to find out the needs identified at city council and school board meetings. Maybe you are already doing something that can help with the issues.

Shape your organization to help define your community. Remember I said you are newspaper gold? Your creativity can become the source of many stories:

- Have an informational component to your event, find something that tells us something about the people. For example, if you are doing a Christmas event, have a vote on your town's favorite Christmas movie or Christmas song. Maybe that could be the theme for next year.

- At a regular meeting or event, make a list of your favorite places to go for a walk in town, or write down your favorite activities you do locally. Call it the Women of Today endorsed list. Do a different list every month and people will start looking for it.

You can take it upon yourselves to do some unusual things that can drive interest in the community. I got these ideas from a list that was sent to me last week about ways to build social capital:

- Take your group to a local store. Everyone brings \$5 or \$10 to spend, then take a photo of the group with the things they bought.
- Hold a picnic at an unused space downtown, to draw attention to the possibilities of the downtown, and report on all the ideas that come up during the picnic.

- Create a library of things, not books, but simple things like tools, cake pans and kitchen tools, or musical instruments, that people can check out for a week or two. Then ask people what projects they used them for, and if they want to put that in the newspaper. It could be like your own local Pinterest.

- I could keep going, but as an editor, I know to keep it short, and always leave the readers wanting a little bit more, so they come back again next week.

body camera footage would prove the Morrison County Record incorrect.

There is no doubt in my mind I should have handled this situation differently. I am sorry. I can control my actions, but not how they affect the actions of others.

Rob Sampson
Motley, Minn



Newspapers provide content, don't get revenue

By Al Cross,
Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues

Daily papers, seeking anti-trust break to deal with Google and Facebook, say Google makes billions from their work.

Google made \$4.7 billion "from the work of news publishers in 2018 via search and Google News, according to a study by the News Media Alliance, the main lobbying group for daily newspapers. "The journalists who create that content deserve a cut of that \$4.7 billion, said David Chavern, the president and chief executive of the alliance," Marc Tracy reports for The New York Times.

"That \$4.7 billion is nearly as much as the \$5.1 billion brought in by the United States news industry as a whole from digital advertising last year — and the News Media Alliance cautioned that its estimate for Google's income was conservative. For one thing, it does not count the value of the personal data the company collects on consumers every time they click on an article," Tracy writes. Google didn't respond to the Times' request for comment.

The study's release is tied to a House subcommittee hearing Tuesday "on the interrelationship of big tech companies and the media," Tracy reports. The newspaper industry wants "a four-year anti-trust exemption, allowing them to collectively bargain with the owners of online platforms over revenue splitting. The bill has bipartisan support in the Senate and the House, including the chairman and ranking member of the House Judiciary's anti-trust subcommittee."

Google's parent, Alphabet, and Facebook "are major distributors for news publishers," Tracy notes. "The two of them ferry more than 80 percent of external traffic to various sites. That is a far cry from the analog days, when media barons controlled how their publications reached the public and collected all the ad income they generated." By playing middleman, they "take a huge proportion of online ad revenue," the advent of which has reduced newspaper advertising. The companies "like this business," Chavern told Tracy. "It's a good business, where you write for them."

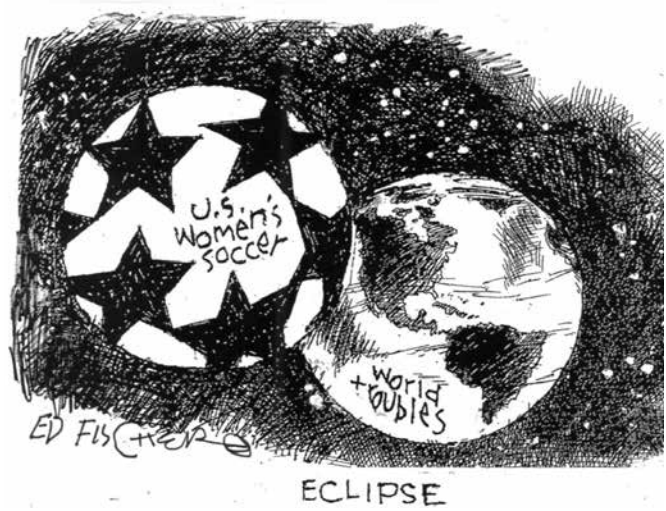
Letter to the Editor

Hats off to all who participated in and were part of the Lamp Camp Event. It was just great, the kids were great.

We are so lucky to have this event every year in Sta-

ples, please keep coming. If you missed it, that was your loss.

Sally Grove
Staples, MN



Food stamps boost rural economy

By Heather Chapman
The Rural Blog

From 2008 to 2010, during and immediately after the Great Recession, federal food stamp spending had a much larger impact on rural economies than spending on Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, veterans' benefits and unemployment insurance combined. That's according to a new report by the Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service. The report marks the first time that the impact of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program spending was estimated with statistical methods, according to the ERS; past research predicted impact using eco-

nomic simulations. For every \$10,000 in food-stamp benefits spent between 2001 and 2014, employment in non-metropolitan counties increased by 0.4 percent, the report found, but barely moved the needle in urban counties. SNAP payments nearly quadrupled in that time, partly because of Obama administration policies meant to stimulate the economy.

SNAP benefits had an outsized impact in rural areas because they're paid directly to low-income people who are more likely to redeem those benefits quickly instead of saving them, which drove local demand for food and other goods, the report said.

Letter to the Editor

Apology for one action

I moved the cameras at the Motley Skate Park. My decision to do this was hastily made and reflected my instinct to protect my family. It was done with no forethought nor malice. For this action, I am sorry. For my years of work-

ing with city residents, employees and coaching in this park, I am not sorry for. I appreciate all my children and park friends. Thank you.

My assisting in treating broken bones, concussions, cuts from glass and many sprains/strains/and contusions at this park, I once again I am not sorry for.

Not being able to use my

First-aid/AED/CPR training due to the permanent trespass order per city council, I am sorry that that was their decision.

Being misquoted by the Morrison County Record is understandable, if they did not read my public Facebook posting. If you want, you may read it yourself. My hope is they misquoted the Motley officer also. His

body camera footage would prove the Morrison County Record incorrect.

There is no doubt in my mind I should have handled this situation differently. I am sorry. I can control my actions, but not how they affect the actions of others.

Rob Sampson
Motley, Minn

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Rehearsals underway at Centennial

Cast members in the upcoming Lamplighter Community Theatre production, "The Wizard of Oz," worked on staging a song with choreographer Brian Sterriker (in front) during a recent rehearsal. Back row, from left, are Macy Judd, playing Dorothy; Brynn Bestland, Toto; Jacob Denning, Scarecrow; Marly

Simmons, The Tinman; and Rob Free-love, The Cowardly Lion. The musical will be performed at Centennial Auditorium in Staples Thursday - Saturday, July 11, 12, 13 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, July 14, 2 p.m. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

'The Wizard of Oz' to be performed in Staples July 11-14

Presented by Lamplighter Community Theatre

Monkeys, munchkins and Toto, too, will be taking the stage at Centennial Auditorium in Staples this July, in the Lamplighter Community Theatre (LCT) production of "The Wizard of Oz."

Performances will be held Thursday - Saturday, July 11, 12, 13, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, July 14, at 2 p.m.

Kevin Olsen, longtime LCT member, is the Artistic Director of the show, which showcases the talents of actors spanning the ages of nine to adult. It's a family oriented production, with the story line based on the classic tale written by L. Frank Baum. Olsen said they are doing the Royal Shakespeare Company version of the show, which includes many of the songs made popular in the 1939 film by the same title.

This beloved tale, in which a Kansas farm girl travels over the rainbow to discover the magical power of home, has been entertaining audiences for generations.

Nathan Thelen is the Music Director of the show; and Jeff Iverson is the conducting the pit orchestra. Brian Sterriker is the show's choreographer; and producers include Sheila Edin and Debbie Sterriker.

It's been several years since LCT has produced a musical. Olsen said, mentioning their 2011 production, 'The Pirates of Penzance.' With a goal of doing at least two productions a year, the LCT Board felt that this summer would be a good time to do a musical once again.

As they began researching shows, they were in agreement that they wanted to do a family oriented, multi-aged show. They decided on, 'The Wizard of Oz.'

It's a show that's near and dear to Olsen's heart, having directed middle school students in this play twice before, along with co-director Gloria Palmer.

Rehearsals began the last week of May and they have a full cast of characters who have been working hard since that

time. Olsen said they are doing some different things with puppetry, which is challenging, but exciting. His son, Matthew R. Olsen, a professional actor currently working on a show in Nebraska, has been helping with some long-distance set design.

Cast list

The cast list is as follows: Aunt Em, Brianna Granby; Uncle Henry, Mike Gold; Dorothy, Macy Judd; Scarecrow (Hunk), Jacob Denning; The Tinman (Hickory), Marly Simmons; The Cowardly Lion (Zeke), Rob FreeLove; Glinda, Good Witch of the North, Anne FreeLove; Wicked Witch of the West (Miss Gulch), Bronwynn Touchette; Munchkin Mayor, William Dolezal; Munchkin Barrister, Avaya Brandt; Munchkin Coroner, Zach McIlravy; Lullaby League, Raina Mikhaeil, Suhaila Mikhaeil, Cecily Moe; Lollipop Guild, Josh FreeLove, Charles Dabbs, Nathaniel Seamann; Munchkin Braggart, Josh Cushing; Crow #1, Kevin Klawitter; Crow #2, Alex McIlravy; Crow #3, Dylan Huhn; Tree #1, Kayla Huhn; Tree #2, Abby Koel; Tree #3, Torii Nienow; Wizard of Oz (Professor Marvel), Paul Anderson; Emerald City Guard, Paul FreeLove; Toto, Brynn Bestland; Winkie General, Kevin Klawitter.

Group/Chorus (Munchkins, Poppies, Ozians, Winkies, Jitterbugs, Monkeys): Megan Hanson, Mia Pesta, Dallas Parker, Sophie Schlosser, Brooke Bendson, Orin Huhn, Ella Judd, Andrea Arundel, Meghan VanAlst, Jenna Hanson, Kevin Miller, Tasha Lyman, Tanya Hanson, Alex Morlock.

Tickets

Tickets are available at Nelson Insurance, Timberlake Hotel and Staples True Value, all in Staples; or purchase them online at lctstaples.com.

Centennial Auditorium is located at 401 Centennial Lane in Staples.



Future golf pro

Oscar Swanson (center), Otsego, practiced his golf swing at the kids' golfing event at June Fest. In the background, children enjoy the bounce house set up by Motley United Methodist Church. Beginning June 28, the church will have

the bounce house set up on Friday evenings in Converse Park, as well as show a free movie (along with free popcorn) beginning at 9 p.m. All are welcome. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Variety of vendors

A variety of crafts and food items were available during last weekend's June Fest event in Motley. Pictured at left, Denise Johnson (center) gets some help selling jewelry she has made from her daughter Tesla Anderson (left) and mother, Betty Jo Nichols. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

AA MTGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PILLAGER: Tuesdays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

AA MTG AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.

AA MTGS IN VERNDALE: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.

DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS MEETING Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MTG Mondays, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP Mtg third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP Mtg

first and third Thursday, 3 - 4 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Mtg first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS Mtg second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY Mtg second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall (except Jan. and Feb.). For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP Mtg second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP Mtg first Monday, 1:30 p.m., Edgewood Vista dining room, 14211 Firewood Dr., Baxter. For info., 218-829-4017.

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS

Mtg third Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. For info., 320-533-1119.

WADENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE Mtg third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCo-Chair@yahoo.com.

WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION Mtg second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley (except Nov. and Jan.). For info, 218-640-5423.

WOMEN OF TODAY Mtg first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

June 26

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT Fri., June 26, 9 p.m., Converse Park, Motley. 'Mary Poppins Returns.' Hosted by Motley United Methodist Church.

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Todd County Council on Aging meeting June 28

Outstanding volunteers honored

The Todd County Council on Aging will meet Friday, June 28, from 1 - 4 p.m., at the Todd County Fairgrounds in Long Prairie (at the church food stand).

Educational Opportunities

July 15

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSES (REFRESHER) sponsored by the MN Hwy Safety Center, Mon., July 15, 1 - 5 p.m.; and 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. For info. or to register, call 1-888-234-1294 or visit their website, www.mnsafetycenter.org.

The agenda includes a coordinator's report, Hilltop Regional Kitchen update, housing update and state fair bus.

At 2:45 p.m., the Todd County Outstanding Volunteers will be honored. In addition, cake and ice cream will be served and musical entertainment provided by the Cline Connection.

The public is invited to attend.

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June Fest fun run

Four mile race winners of the Motley June Fest 4 mile fun run, first female, Jackie Devine, 29:03, and first male, Kurt Devine, 25:42. Both received gift cards to 2 Tall Tavern. The one mile run had winners drawn randomly for gift cards to 2 Tall Tavern. Winners were Luke Bjerga and Clint LaBlanc. Pictured below, runners in the 4 mile run and one mile race with obstacle course. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Fourth place at state basketball tournament

The Staples-Motley 5th grade boys basketball team participated in the Pacesetter State Basketball Tournament June 9 in Maple Grove and came home in fourth place after winning their Pacesetter regional tournament in March. The team won championships in five different tournaments this season and finished with

a 27-7 record. Pictured from left, Coach Cam Larson, Owen Carlson, Mathew Larsen, Xander Moench, Avandre Brandt, Eli Rutten, Peyton Jares, Conner Kuhns, Reed Olds, Noah Larson, Coach TJ Rutten. (Submitted photo)





Staples-Motley 12U JO volleyball team

The Staples-Motley 12U JO volleyball team that competed this spring, front row from left, Jade Storry, Corrine Olson and Lily Tyrrell; middle row, Olivia Lorber, Madison Opatz, Kaylee Eckel, Bailey Frisk and Avaya Brandt; back row, Ashlin Birkholtz, Jessica Lundquist, Miranda Schotzko, Kendra Shoup and Kattera Barnhart. Not pictured, Payton Allen, Taylor Beach-Seeley, Lily Richey. (Submitted photos)

June Fest fun runners



11U JO VB

Above, the Staples-Motley 11U JO volleyball team that competed this spring. Front row from eft, Maddie Bartle, Isabelle Dobson, Emmalee Dobson, Addison Fonteyn and Lexi Opelia; middle row, Annie Schlosser, Mariah Sullivan, Audrey Brownell, Pamela Lawrence, Ava Birkholtz and Abby Brichacek; back row, Abbi Dobson, Erin Lustila, Sophia Misner, Torence Rodriques, Josi Jennissen and Raina Mikhaeil. Not pictured, Chelsie Kampa



10U JO VB

Left, the Staples-Motley 10U JO volleyball teamthat competed this spring. Front row, Cloe Trantina; middle row from left, Jocelyn Lenk, Leighton Bettis and Emersen Bettis; back row, Katelyn Schotzko, Sophie Schlosser, Ahna Bursch and Isabelle Becker

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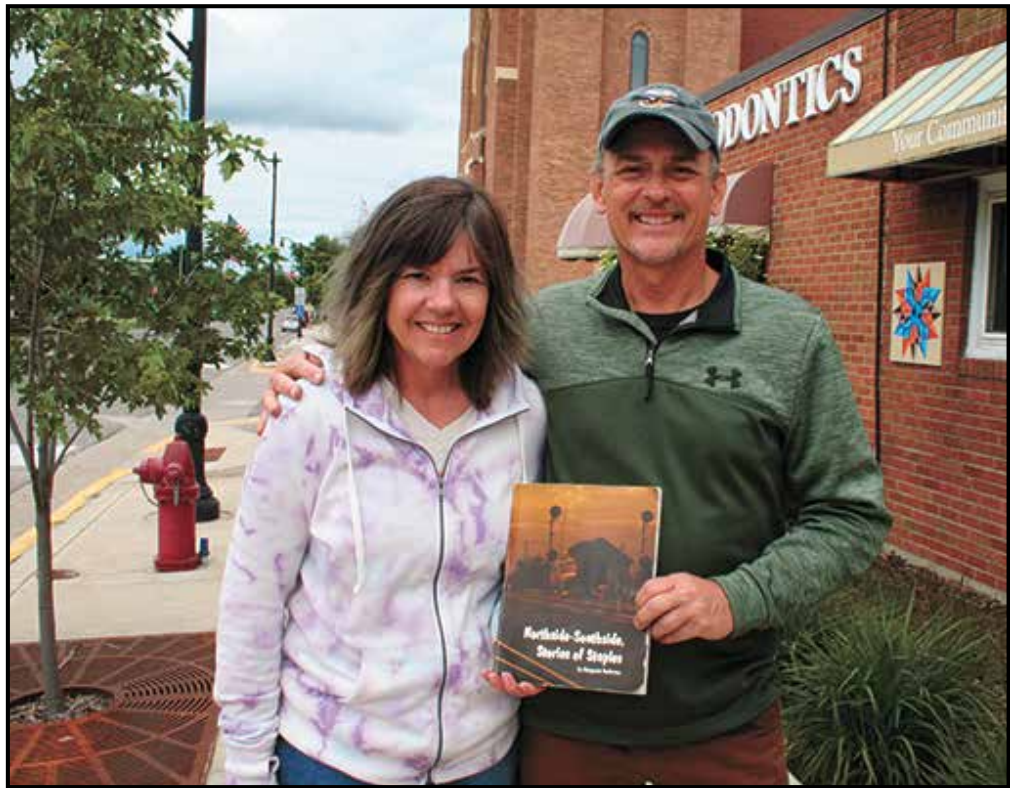
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A stop in Staples

Brad and Rhonda Herman of Larue, Texas, stopped by the Staples World recently to inquire if there were extra copies of the book, “Northside-Southside, Stories of Staples,” written by Margaret (Barrett) Anderson, a relative of Brad’s. He is currently reading the book, Brad said, and is enjoying learning about the town’s history. He went on to explain that Margaret’s brother, Fred Barrett, was his grandfather (married to Eleanor). The Hermans were in town visiting family. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Student Achievements

ANNA WILLGOHS, Staples, has been named to the 2019 Spring Dean’s List at The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, recognized for her outstanding academic performance.

ANDREW BATES, Staples, is the recipient of scholarships to attend Concordia College, Moorhead. Bates is the son of Brian and Lori Bates, Staples.

NORAH ANDERSON, Staples, has been named to the 2019 Spring Dean’s List at Augsburg University, Minneapolis. To qualify, full-time students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher in a given term. Part-time students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.75. Norah is the daughter of Mark and Nicky Anderson, Staples.

LEVI NAGEL, Pillager, has been named to the 2019 Spring Dean’s List at University of Minnesota-Crookston. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

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Obituaries

Richard Nichols

Richard Nichols, 78, of Kannapolis, NC, formerly of Staples, passed away surrounded by family on May 26, 2019 at the Tucker Hospice House in Kannapolis.

A service was held at the home of his son and daughter-in-law on June 1, 2019.

He will be laid to rest in Minnesota at Fort Ripley at a later date.

Richard was born September 15, 1940 to Monroe and Beatrice (Smith) Nichols in Staples. He grew up in Staples graduating from high school in 1958. He joined the army in 1960 and served in Germany and Vietnam. He married his first wife in Germany in 1961; he then married Margo Anderson in 1972.

Richard worked many jobs around Staples. He worked with his father and brother at Nichols Service Center until it was sold. He then worked at Stern Rubber, Coast to Coast and later, Crestliner Boats Works in Little Falls until his retirement in 2002.

Richard spent his retirement years on 40 acres north of Staples where he enjoyed walking in the woods, feeding the numerous animals and checking the trail cameras. He enjoyed hunting with his family and friends until the dementia became worse. He and his wife moved to



North Carolina to be near grandchildren.

Richard is survived by his wife, Margo; two daughters, Christa and Helga of Germany; two sons, Richie of Santa Ana, CA and Ron (Michele) of Concord, NC; five grandchildren, Jana of Germany, Alexis, Kendra, Tyler and Alyssa of NC; one sister, Jeanette Hardy of Milaca; one brother, James Nichols of Wadena; brothers-in-law Hugh Anderson of AZ and Bill Anderson of WI; sisters-in-law Barbara Anderson AZ and Gye Anderson of WI and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and many aunts and uncles.

Cremation services were provided by the Boston Mortuary of Charlotte, NC.

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Karen Johnson

Karen R. Johnson age 77, of Motley passed away at the Lakewood Health System hospital in Staples on June 17, 2019.

Services will be held at a later date.

Karen was born on August 10, 1941 in Thomastown Township to Orval and Melissa (Lilly) Gritz.

Arrangements are by Halvorson Taylor Funeral Home, Brainerd.

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Street Maintenance Laborer

Applications will be accepted by the City Council for a Street Maintenance Laborer position for the City of Appleton.

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Born to Allison and Mark Anson of Wadena, a baby boy, James Dexter weighing five pounds, four ounces on June 15, 2019.

Born to Paige and Jason Cusey of Staples, a baby boy, Maverick John weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on June 14, 2019.

Born to Brooke and Bryce Nilson of Park Rapids, a baby girl, Peyton Marie weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on June 15, 2019.

Born to Mikayla and Zack Skarolid of Brainerd, a baby girl, June Elizabeth weighing eight pounds, three ounces on June 16, 2019.

Born to Annalee Tumberg and Jesse Ercken-

brack of Wadena, a baby girl, Ellieana Rebecca weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on June 17, 2019.

Born to Heather and Trevor Austin of Brainerd, a baby boy, Jack Henning weighing nine pounds, nine ounces on June 18, 2019.

Born to Cassandra Schulke and Keith Eggert of Motley, a baby girl, Paisley Mae weighing five pounds, three ounces on June 19, 2019.

Born to Heather and Cameron Knight of Brainerd, a baby girl, Annabelle Elise-Marie weighing eight pounds on June 19, 2019.

Born to Amy Monson and Nathan Kempka of Backus, a baby girl, Elliette Jean weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on June

19, 2019.

Born to Kayleen and Eli Van Buren of Brainerd, a baby girl, Wylde Wren weighing seven pounds three ounces on June 19, 2019.

Born to Miranda and Jeff Pape of Brainerd, a baby boy, Finley Eldon weighing seven pounds 12 ounces on June 20, 2019.

Born to Jessica and Mark Johnson of Staples, a baby boy, Gavin Mark weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on June 20, 2019.

Born to Lillian Rice and Mervin Beechy of Little Falls, a baby girl, Katherine Marie weighing nine pounds, eight ounces on June 20, 2019.



Chive dive

Matthew Vukelich of Staples took this photo of a honey bee on a chive flower in his garden on June 7. He shared his photo on facebook and a bee site, where he is obtaining many likes. (Photo by Matthew Vukelich)





Todd County Board looks at services for homeless people

By Karin L. Nauber
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Minnesota is known for being the Land of 10,000 Lakes. But a newer designation is not one that the state wants to be known for: The new one? The Land of 10,000 Homeless.

According to Director of Housing Services for Lutheran Social Service Jennifer Swick, Minnesota currently has around that number of homeless people. Her job is to connect people to resources to attempt to keep them in their current homes or to help with finding them a home.

She is charged with the administration of funds made available through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program in the counties of Todd, Morrison and Crow Wing.

Swick said the program works with households who are homeless or facing homelessness.

“Ideally, the program tries to reach households

prior to an eviction or foreclosure thus preventing homelessness,” she said.

Services are targeted toward low-income households (youth, single and families) who have no other funds or resources available to resolve the crisis.

The emphasis of the program is to create a partnership with the household to resolve their housing crisis, identify their strengths and needs and to develop and implement a stabilization plan.

Stabilization plans often include assistance with housing and employment search, transportation to appointments as identified in the plan, referral to other agencies or community resources, and assistance completing forms or applications.

Short term financial assistance (commonly in the form of one month’s rent and/or rental deposit) is available to prevent evictions or mortgage foreclosures and to aid a household in obtaining new affordable housing if

already homeless.

While Todd County calls to the agency are given high priority, only about six percent of the services are utilized in the county.

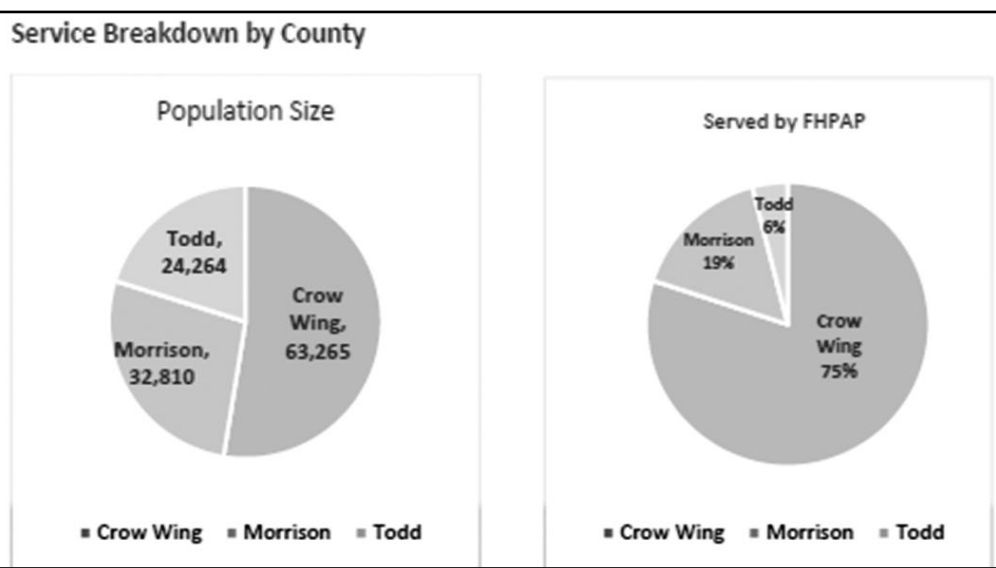
Swick said it could be, in part, because their office is located in Crow Wing, but also because of the smaller population sizes in Todd and Morrison.

Commissioner David Kircher asked how they marketed the grant funding that was available?

“How do you let people know you’re there?” he asked.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida questioned if resources would be available in the county because while it used to be a seven year period for back taxes to be paid, it is now three years and people are being forced out of their homes.

Kircher asked if Swick’s program would pay taxes to help keep people in their homes? Swick said it was a possibility. She will be sending more information to Gaida.



Population vs. services

While Todd and Morrison have almost the same population (combined) as Crow Wing County, they make up only approximately 25 percent of the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program service population.

In other business, the board

- Approved a one day temporary on sale liquor license and a one day dance license for the American Legion #417 Jacobson Post,

aka Little Sauk Legion, for July 13.

- Approved one day dance license for the T.J.’s on Diamond Point.
- Approved the hire of James Gaida as the summer help for Solid Waste.

- Approved a rate adjustment for the Todd County Extension Committee members. The committee requested to increase the per diem rate to \$35 to align with other county committees of comparable commitments.
- Awarded the contract for the bridge construction work on County State Aid Highway #26 over the Long Prairie River (near Don and Dave’s Store) to Redstone Construction, LLC of Mora based on their low bid of \$1,222,228.50.
- Approved the request by Sheriff Steve Och to purchase four new squads from Tenvorde Ford of St. Cloud. The price of each squad is \$33,449 for a total price of \$133,796 on the state contract bid.
- Granted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Camphill Village for one additional living unit attached to “Aurora House” with the following conditions:

1. There will be no more than eight bedrooms associated with Aurora House.
2. Must obtain a new septic design with permits for the septic system before new land use permits can be written.
- Granted a CUP request for Paul C. Johnson to operate, sell and store 55 gallon steel or plastic drums and 250 gallon IBC totes with the following conditions:
1. The operation must stay on the grassy area shown on the 2017 Todd County GIS aerial imagery.
2. Review after one year to see if the size has increased significantly.
3. Only properly rinsed barrels are allowed on site.
- Approved an extension of six months for the Aldrich Amish Cemetery presented by Andy Miller. The Aldrich Amish Cemetery group have been in to finish the work required so this cemetery can now go forward to the final plat.
- Granted permission for Joseph Weishalla who wants to create a temporary family housing for his parents Lynn and Traci Weishalla. The Planning Commission recommended to approve the request for temporary family housing with following conditions:
1. Temporary family housing is for Lynn and Traci Weishalla. The Conditional Use Permit shall be issued for the individuals and not to the land.
2. Dwelling size must not exceed 1280 square feet, one story, or two bedrooms.
3. Dwelling, the site, or any combination shall not be subdivided, sold or used as a rental property.
4. Temporary family housing is subject to a biennial review.
5. Temporary housing shall be discontinued use/converted use within 60 days of disuse of the person granted this CUP.
6. Temporary housing shall be required to hook up to a compliant septic system.
- The current winter weekend hours for the Solid Waste transfer station are the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. December

through March.

The board approved the winter weekend hours to be changed to the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. November through March. This change will also guarantee that no major holiday weekends will fall during the weekend hours of operation. This change would begin this year in November.

- The Todd County Solid Waste Department has been in contact with local farmers and haulers to keep the ag bag recycling program available. Bids from haulers in the area were received to start developing a contract for this program.

Alex Rubbish has come in with the lowest bid at \$27 a stop. A hauling contract with Alex Rubbish was approved starting immediately.

- Todd County Health and Human Services has received a grant award from the Mardag Foundation in the amount of \$40,000. This grant will pilot a Meals at Discharge program in collaboration with CentraCare Health-Long Prairie, Lakewood Health System and Tri-County Health Care.

The grant funds will be used to purchase the meals to be distributed at discharge (from the hospital) and to purchase additional equipment for the Hilltop Regional Kitchen.

- Todd County has participated in aerial photography flyovers provided by Pictometry International, with previous flights in 2008, 2013 and 2017. Special promotional pricing exists to have a flyover completed in 2020 that would provide 6” resolution for the county and 3” resolution for the cities of Browerville, Long Prairie and Staples.

As part of the agreement with Pictometry, an optional second flyover could be obtained in 2023 at 9” resolution for the county and 4” resolution for the cities. It is the desire of the offices using the imagery to continue these flyovers every three years, if funding exists.

The total cost of the 2020 flyover is \$88,603. The Compliance Committee is in agreement to fund the project, and allow the cities of Browerville, Long Prairie and Staples to participate if they choose.

MIS Director Chris Pelzer said that Browerville and Staples are not going to do it this time as they have recent flyover photos from 2018. Long Prairie is still reviewing it.

The cost of this project will be paid for as follows: \$7,383.57 due at signing, \$22,150.75 after initial shipment of imagery in 2020, \$29,534.34 in 2021 and \$29,534.34 in 2022.

- Approved the appointment of David Determan as the Deputy Director for Emergency Management.
- The board approved the grade adjustment for the facility supervisor position as it was found that the job description did not accurately portray the job duties for the position specifically in regards to added duties taking place at the fairgrounds, and the fairgrounds facilities.

The recommendation of Springsted is to place this job grade at an 11 step 5. The job grade took effect on June 19.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples
Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski
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.

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

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

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
Church.....
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
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..... 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship..... 9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast..... 11:45 a.m.
2nd Sunday, each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

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

Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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

Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 .. Open by arrangement

Motley
Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley 218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. 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.net
Sunday Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting..... 8:00 p.m.

Oylen
Oylen Alliance
City. 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
Pastor Matthew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Sell 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Prayer 9:20 a.m.
Coffee / 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.

“You have been Subpoenaed”

Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor, Motley Free Methodist Church

If you regularly listen to and have read enough of the news lately, I'm sure you have become well aware of the word “subpoena.” A subpoena is a document that requires you to be a witness in court because you apparently have important information that the Court needs to hear.

On a similar subject, did you realize we are (as Christians) subpoenaed? Yes! If you will just simply look throughout the book of Acts, the Lord repeatedly commands us to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8; 2:32; 3:15; 10:39; 13:31). In a spiritual context, we are being subpoenaed...we are being compelled to be a witness for Jesus Christ and the Gospel!

As we understand this concept, I think it is appropriate to ask ourselves whether we have obeyed the Lord's command to take all that we

know of God, the Scriptures, and of our faith and proclaim it when the opportunity presents itself to do so.

We are to be His physical and verbal witnesses to the world. We must adjust our commitments and reevaluate our priorities to allow room to live out this command daily. Hopefully, we are finding ways to do this more intentionally and with greater passion.

Plain and simple....we are called to witness for Jesus and invite others to accept Jesus. Witnessing for Jesus is an essential part of God's plan. If we love Jesus and people, we will obediently live as witnesses for Jesus. You have been subpoenaed! May you be compelled to respond and tell others about this wonderful news of God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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

Ernie's Food Market
Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Fully Insured to \$250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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

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

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

Staples True Value "Just Ask Rental"
Open 7 days a week
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

Sprout Mobile Market coming to Staples June 25

A grocery store on wheels hits the road for the first time on Tuesday, June 25. Sprout, a food hub based in Little Falls, has developed a new outlet for increasing access to fresh local foods in rural Central Minnesota with their Mobile Market. The aim of the project is to bring food out of the aisles and on the road to areas which lack access to healthy, nutritious foods, while also adding a new platform for local growers to sell their products. All community members are welcome to shop at the Sprout Mobile Market, which will highlight fresh produce in addition to other basic staples like eggs, bread and meat.

The Mobile Market is launching two regularly scheduled stops in Staples and Pine River. The Mobile Market will pop-up in the parking lot of Sourcewell (202 12th St. NE, Staples) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Happy Dancing Turtle (2331 Dancing Wind Rd SW, Pine River) from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Community members are invited to contact Sprout at info@sproutmn.com or (320) 412-3081 to recommend a location that could benefit from access to the mobile grocery store. For updates on the Mobile Market schedule and location, visit www.sproutmn.com/mobilemarket.

Local artists will additionally enhance the shopping experience through interactive engagement as a part of Sprout's A la cARTe Initiative. The artists participating in the project are Lisa Jordan (Brainerd), Maria Ervasti (Staples), Heidi Jeub (Little Falls), and Tressa Hills (Otsego). Each of the artists utilizes various mediums for engagement including wool felting, painting, and jewelry making.

The first artist to hit the road alongside the Mobile Market will be Maria Ervasti on Tuesday, June 25th. Maria is a traveling art teacher based in Staples, and her new mobile classroom, called the Creative Cart Classroom, is a revamped concession cart with a sink and shelving perfect for cleaning and storing painting supplies. Maria's teaching experience also includes a collaborative weaving project between Eagle Valley School students and Central Todd County Care Center residents, which exemplifies her adaptability to work with diverse populations.

"An important aspect of this mobile art project is that the artists engage with community members of a variety of experience and abilities," said Natalie Keane of Sprout. "Accessible food and art for all people are core values at Sprout because both help to cultivate creativity and improve personal well being," said Keane.

For more information on Sprout's Mobile Market and A la cARTe Initiative, visit www.sproutmn.com/mobilemarket. The Mobile Market and A la cARTe Initiative are funded by the McKnight Foundation, Otto Bremer Trust, Lakewood Health System, and Mardag Foundation. The project is coordinated by Sprout MN, Region Five Development Commission, and Five Wings Arts Council.

About Sprout
Sprout MN is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 2012 by growers, eaters, creatives and economic developers. Their mission is to connect and strengthen the local food system as a regional asset, and to grow and contribute to a collective story of a vibrant and resilient Central Minnesota.

The Sprout facility is located in Little Falls, and hosts the monthly indoor Growers & Makers Marketplace as well as a shared-use commercial kitchen to promote food entrepreneurship and community gatherings around food, art, and culture.

The community is invited to shop the Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace vendors selling local food and art on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on October 26, November 16, and December 14 in 2019 and January 25, February 29, and March 28 in 2020.

Student Achievements



Motley-Staples Middle School

Students of the Month at Motley-Staples Middle School were, front, left to right: Shannafaye Arthur, Alyson Jasmer, Corben Berg, Allison Dukowitz, Cara Jares, Emersen Bettis, Rain Mikhaeil, Autumn Kubichek. Back: Zianaa Longie, Mason Birkholtz, Owen Carlson, Genevieve Groetsch, Camden Anderson, Ashlyn Vogel, Eli Smith, Elsa Erickson.



Staples-Motley Elementary School

Bucket List winners at SMES were, front: Gauge Holst, Shyla Radermacher, Cydney McGree, Hudsyn Nanik. Back: Olivia Lynch, Alyce Scheler, Brianna Cox, Kennedy Judd, River Munger, Zander Plattner.

These area businesses offer their support and congratulations to the overall excellence exemplified by the Student Achievements awards:

Albie Electric LLC, Staples Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Staples BRICKS Travel Center, Motley Lake Country Insurance, Inc. Motley Staples Precision Metalcraft PHB Excavating, Motley Nelson Insurance Agency of Staples, Inc. Motley Dairy Queen Insurance Advisors, Scott Veronen Homestead Veterinary Clinic, Aldrich Staples Eye Clinic Orth Insurance Agency, Staples Sylvan Shores, Browerville	Staples True Value Long Prairie Sanitation, Inc. Ron's Auto Repair, Staples R. Bjerga Construction/Friendly Inn, Joan and Rudy Trident Seafoods Corp. Unity Bank, Staples Wilhelmson Associates, LLC Estate Planning & Life Insurance, Motley Sacred Heart Area School, Staples Shear Contact, Staples Burrows Auto Body, Staples Central Building Supply, Staples Busker Concrete, Staples Precision Polishing and Plating, Inc., Staples	Sourcewell, Staples R Salon & Spa, Staples Daniel Douts Insurance Agency State Farm, Staples Ernie's, Staples Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union, Staples James Soule Auto Sales, Staples Longbella Drug, Staples Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd., CPA's, Staples Staples Ace Hardware Stern Rubber Company, Staples 3M, Staples Thrivent Financial/Bob Mueller, Staples Tower Pizza, Staples Staples World
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BARTLETT TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS APPROACH/CULVERT UPDATED POLICY as of May 2019

Land Owner will get a Permit from Township first, at no charge.

Bartlett Township will pay for the installation using the Township Contractor. Land Owner will be responsible for the cost of the Culvert plus the material that contractor supplies to build the approach, minus a \$4.00 per yard reimbursement on fill and the township will supply the surface gravel. The township will be responsible for the source of the fill material and culvert and that it is installed per County Specifications.

Culverts will be a minimum of 30 feet; Must be installed by Township Contractor

Once a culvert is installed per Township Requirements the Township takes over all maintenance costs associated with maintaining that approach. If an existing Approach needs maintenance or updating and it was not installed per Township Policy it would have to be replaced following above Policy. Also if a Land Owner wants to widen their Approach, it would follow above the Policy regarding costs.

Township Supervisors
Lance Quam
Gary Weber
Mike Hopp

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DISSOLUTION OF DEVLIN NEWSPAPERS, INC.

Please take notice that Devlin Newspapers, Inc. is in the process of dissolving.

Devlin Newspapers, Inc. filed the Notice of Intent to Dissolve with the Minnesota Secretary of State on May 20, 2019.

To present written claims against Devlin Newspapers, Inc., you must send them to the following address:

Devlin Newspapers, Inc.
305 Ravilla Avenue
Staples, MN 56479

The date by which all the claims must be received, which shall be the later of 90 days after published notice or, with respect to a particular known creditor or claimant, 90 days after the date on which written notice was given to that creditor or claimant. Published notice is deemed given on the date of first publication for the purpose of determining this date.

Any claims submitted after the initial 90-day period will be barred, subject to some statutory exceptions..

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DISSOLUTION OF SAMS FARM, INC.

Please take notice that Sams Farm, Inc. is in the process of dissolving.

Sams Farm, Inc. filed the Notice of Intent to Dissolve with the Minnesota Secretary of State on June 12, 2019.

To present written claims against Sams Farm, Inc., you must send them to the following address:

Sams Farm, Inc.
PO Box 849
Wyoming, MN 55092

The date by which all the claims must be received, which shall be the later of 90 days after published notice or, with respect to a particular known creditor or claimant, 90 days after the date on which written notice was given to that creditor or claimant. Published notice is deemed given on the date of first publication for the purpose of determining this date.

Any claims submitted after the initial 90-day period will be barred, subject to some statutory exceptions..

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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, July 11, 2019 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. Gourley Premium Pork LLC: NE4 SE4 of Section 8 in Leslie Township
Site Address: 25445 County 1. PIN: 15-0008800

1) Conditional Use Permit request to increase existing feedlot from 1,412 animal units to 1,875.8 animal units for a Swine Research and Development Facility.

2) Request to amend Section 9.11(M) of the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance to create a one (1) mile setback for new Tier I, II, and III feedlots or manure storage areas from large animal feedlots with greater than 1,000 animal units.

3) Request to amend Section 9.11(E) of the Todd Planning and Zoning Ordinance to address the applicant's concerns with the district court decisions about the exact wording of this section.

4) Request to grant temporary air quality easement to their facility over adjoining portions of County Road 1 and 65.

2. Joseph J Muellner: NW4 NW4 of Section 34 in Burnhamville Township
Site Address: 15656 321st Ave. PIN: 06-0046601

1) Conditional Use Permit request to increase existing feedlot from 750 animal units to 1,080 animal units.

3. Jacob and Brittany Attendorf: SE4 SE4 of Section 1 in Kandota Township
Site Address: 22778 140th St. PIN: 14-0000601

1) Rezoning amendment request to change SE4 SE4 of Section 1 in Kandota Township from AF-1 zoning to AF-2 zoning to allow second dwelling on Gov't 40.

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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REGION FIVE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF REGION FIVE:

There will be a public hearing held June 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Sourcewell, 202 12th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Public comment and review of FISCAL YEAR 2020 WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET.

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CLC announces new grant to expand student success efforts

Central Lakes College is thrilled to announce it was awarded a \$3 million grant from the Department of Education to further its thriving student success efforts.

The project funded by the grant focuses on using data to identify at-risk students and provide proactive support to increase CLC's overall retention and completion rates.

Spread over a five-year span, the grant funds will enable CLC to hire four Raider Connect Coaches. Following the popular

Check and Connect Coach model, these coaches will provide school performance monitoring, mentoring and other supports to advocate for students through their educational journey.

"This level of intensive advising requires more capacity than the typical college is capable of on its own with constantly tightening budgets," said Paul Preimesberger, CLC's Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Success.

The college will also hire

an instructional designer, institutional researcher and project director. CLC is partnering with the University of Minnesota to complete the research aspect of the grant.

Central Lakes College is the only college in the region to be awarded this type of immersive grant.

"We are really excited about this opportunity to increase student success and student retention," Preimesberger said. "It will complete and enhance the current student success strategies and recourses

we already have."

These new Raider Connect Coaches will have a positive impact on the campus, helping students through challenges and maximizing their potential.

"This is why we are here, why we do what we do," Preimesberger said. "We want students to be successful and attain their goals. We're all in when it comes to helping students build rewarding and fulfilling futures."

Todd County Sheriff's Office reports

The following incidents were recently reported to the Todd County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) and dispatch.

• June 9-June 15: Todd County Sheriff's Office responded to 218 calls for service including: 53 traffic stops, 33 civil process, 12 suspicious activity, three damage to property, two alarms, four thefts, three disturbances, nine agency assists, three accidents, five traffic complaints, three domestics.

Todd County Dispatch received 125 - 911 calls during the week.

June 16: Julio Rosario (23) of Long Prairie was stopped on Hwy 71 near Co 88 for speeding and poor driving conduct. As a result Rosario was issued a citation for not having a MN Driver's License.

June 16: Quinton Lene (20) of rural Long Prairie was stopped on 192nd St near Co 11 for traffic violations. As a result Lene was issued a citation for Underage Drinking and Driving.

June 14: Nidia Cabreja Sanchez (23) of Alexandria was stopped on Hwy 71 for an equipment violation. As a result Cabreja Sanchez was issued a citation for Driving After Revocation.

June 14: at 3:24 p.m. the TDSO responded to a report of a two vehicle crash on Cty Rd 2 and Cty Rd 11 in Kandota Township. Theresa Veldkamp of Burtrum was westbound on Cty Rd 2 when she failed to stop at the stop sign and struck a vehicle driven by Larry Roelike of Sauk Centre. Veldkamp was ejected from the vehicle and sustained serious injuries. Veldkamp was transported by Sauk Centre Ambulance to the

Sauk Centre Hospital and later flown by Life-Link to St. Cloud Hospital. The Sauk Centre Fire Department and Sauk Centre Police Department assisted at the scene.

June 12: TCSO received a report of a missing person. The subject was later located in Sauk Lake submerged under water. The subject was transported to Sauk Centre hospital where life saving efforts were attempted. The subject was pronounced deceased due to his injuries. This incident is currently under investigation.

June 10: 3:58 p.m. TCSO received a report of a two vehicle crash on Cty Rd 16 in the intersection of Lightening Pass. It was reported that a 1999 Jeep Cherokee driven by Gerald Trautage 80 of Browerville was attempting to turn onto Lightening Pass when he entered the westbound lane of traffic and was struck by 2015 Dodge Ram pickup driven by Stephen Wiersgalla age 49 of Browerville causing damage to both vehicles. Both parties involved were uninjured and were wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.

•June 2-June 8: TCSO responded to 234 calls for service including: 83 traffic stops, 13 civil process, 10 suspicious activity, seven damage to property, five alarms, three thefts, four disturbances, 11 agency assists, five accidents, two traffic complaints, two burglaries, one domestic.

Todd County Dispatch received 131 - 911 Calls during the week.

June 9: TCSO responded to a motorcycle crash

on Morrison Line Road in Grey Eagle Township. Donald Meyer was traveling south on Morrison Line Road when he struck a deer with his 2019 Harley Davidson. Meyer was found injured on the roadway and was transported by helicopter to North Memorial hospital where he remains in critical condition. Assisting at the crash scene were the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota State Patrol and the Upsala Fire Department.

June 8: 2:42 p.m. TCSO received a call of a burglary that occurred at the address of 21332 State 210 in Bartlett Twp Sect 13. Terry Larson, Kensington, reported that within the last three weeks, suspects forced entry into his travel trailer on the property, stole a Polaris ATV from the trailer and drove around his property, causing damage to the land and the ATV. The suspects also broke into another travel trailer, causing significant damage inside. The incident is currently under investigation. If you have information, call TCSO at 1-800-794-5733.

June 8: 12:51 p.m. TCSO received a call of a mailbox that was damaged at the address of 25798 County 5, rural Long Prairie. Audrey Tesch, rural Long Prairie, reported that sometime between June 7 and June 8, something struck her mailbox, possibly a farm implement. The incident is under investigation. If you have information regarding this incident, call TCSO at 1-800-794-5733.

June 7: TCSO received a call of a theft that occurred from the address of 23210

County 24 in Moran Twp Sect 6. Arnold Logering, city of Staples, reported that between May 1-June 7, suspects entered the property and stole a Farmall International tractor with a belly mower. The incident is under investigation. If you have information regarding this theft, call TCSO at 1-800-794-5733.

June 6: 10:00 p.m. TCSO, Browerville Fire Department and Browerville Ambulance responded to a ATV rollover crash that occurred on Cty Rd 16 near Cty Rd 62 in Hartford Township. The driver of the ATV, Joshua Brown of rural Browerville was taken by ambulance to the Long Prairie Hospital and later flown by Life Link to the St. Cloud hospital for unknown injuries. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash and the incident remains under investigation.

June 4: TCSO received a report of a garbage truck that had rolled onto its side on Red Rock Rd near Quicken Rd. George Andrews of rural Little Falls was traveling south on Red Rock Rd, when the truck he was driving went off the road and turned over on its side. The truck sustained minimal damage, and there were no injuries.

•May 26-June 1: TCSO responded to 278 calls including: 125 traffic stops, 20 civil process, nine suspicious activity, two phone scams, four alarms, 5 thefts, four disturbances, 15 agency assists, five accidents, three traffic complaints, three domestics.

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VA launches new health care options under MISSION Act

Veterans Notes
David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched its new and improved Veterans Community Care Program on June 6, 2019, implementing portions of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (MISSION Act), which both ends the Veterans Choice Program and establishes a new Veterans Community Care Program.

The MISSION Act will strengthen the nationwide VA Health Care System by empowering Veterans with more health care options.

"The changes not only improve our ability to provide the health care Veterans need, but also when and where they need it," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "It will also put Veterans at the center of their care and offer options, including expanded telehealth and urgent care, so they can find the balance in the system that is right for them."

Under the new Veterans Community Care Program, Veterans can work

with their VA health care provider or other VA staff to see if they are eligible to receive community care based on new criteria. Eligibility for community care does not require a Veteran to receive that care in the community; Veterans can still choose to have VA provide their care. Veterans may elect to receive care in the community if they meet any of the following six eligibility criteria:

1. A Veteran needs a service not available at any VA medical facility.

2. A Veteran lives in a U.S. state or territory without a full-service VA medical facility. Specifically, this would apply to Veterans living in Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire and the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

3. A Veteran qualifies under the "grandfather" provision related to distance eligibility under the Veterans Choice Program.

4. VA cannot furnish care within certain designated access standards. The specific access standards are described below:

5. Drive time to a specific VA medical facility

6. Thirty-minute average drive time for primary care, mental health and noninstitutional extended care services. Sixty-minute average drive time for specialty care.

Note: Drive times are calculated using geomapping software.

Appointment wait time at a specific VA medical facility

• Twenty days from the date of request for primary care, mental health care and noninstitutional extended care services, unless the Veteran agrees to a later date in consultation with his or her VA health care provider.

• Twenty-eight days for specialty care from the date of request, unless the Veteran agrees to a later date in consultation with his or her VA health care provider.

• The Veteran and the referring clinician agree it is in the best medical interest of the Veteran to receive community care based on defined factors.

VA has determined that a VA medical service line is not providing care in a manner that complies with VA's standards for quality based on specific conditions.

In preparation for this

landmark initiative, senior VA leaders will visit more than 30 VA hospitals across the country to provide in-person support for the rollout.

The VA MISSION Act:

- Strengthens VA's ability to recruit and retain clinicians.
- Authorizes "Anywhere to Anywhere" telehealth across state lines.
- Empowers Veterans with increased access to community care.
- Establishes a new urgent care benefit that eligible Veterans can access through VA's network of urgent care providers in the community.
- VA serves approximately 9 million enrolled Veterans at 1,255 health care facilities around the country every year. For more information, visit www.missionact.va.gov. [Source Posted on June 6, 2019 by Donnie La Curan in Veteran News]

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

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Highway Maintenance Worker III

POSITION SUMMARY: An opening exists at the Wadena County Highway Department for one (1) full time Highway Maintenance Worker III position. The primary role is to safely perform general road and bridge maintenance in variable work environments. General maintenance activities include truck driving for snow removal/ice control, crack/pothole filling, gravel shouldering, road re-graveling and vegetation control, culvert installation, sign maintenance, light-heavy equipment operation, routine maintenance of equipment/trucks, and working with hand/shop tools.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

* Valid Class 'A' Commercial Driver's License without an airbrake restriction

* Ability to perform strenuous physical labor under less than desirable conditions and ability to lift 70-100+ lbs.

SALARY: Grade 51, Step 1, \$15.19 per hour, to Step 10, \$21.71 per hour, depending on qualifications and experience, plus an excellent benefit package.

FLSA, STATUS: Non-Exempt, Union

Seasonal-Temporary Highway Maintenance Worker I

POSITION SUMMARY: This position assists the department in routine summer maintenance activities. Applicants shall be safety conscious and able to work both independently and as a team member. This is a non-union position that will begin in July and end in late August or September. Actual dates will depend on need as determined by the County Engineer.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Persons interested in this position shall have a valid Minnesota Driver's License, like to work outdoors and have experience in operating a farm type tractor or other similar equipment. Applicants shall be currently enrolled in high school or in college, and must be 18 years old prior to the start of employment.

SALARY: A person in this position will typically work four (4) ten hour days (40 hours) per week at a starting pay rate set at \$12.00/hour.

HOW TO APPLY: Required application materials and job description are available at: www.co.wadena.mn.us, the Wadena County Human Rights Officer in the Human Resources office in the Wadena County Courthouse, 415 Jefferson Street S, Wadena, MN 56482. Completed Wadena County Applications for Employment may be emailed to hr@co.wadena.mn.us, or mailed/delivered to the Wadena County Human Resources Office.

Applications must be received by the Human Resources Depart. or emailed no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

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Scenes from June Fest

Something for all ages at Motley's June Fest, from kids games to the lumberjack show, the Rusty Crayfish Brass Band and the Average Joe Car Show. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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Lakewood focuses on food to improve health

includes three recipe cards to help participants utilize the contents of the box.

- Community health workers to help access/navigate food resources.

- Food Farmacy - ability to pick up food monthly or bi-weekly (depending on need identified in SDOH screening). Food can be medically tailored.

- Fresh food delivery - monthly shares of lean meat and fresh produce delivered year-round to certain residential facilities. Partnership with six local growers.

- 800 people are served monthly; over four tons of food distributed monthly.

Alicia Bauman, Community Health Director at Lakewood, spoke about the Engage program which works (along with its partners) to improve the health and well-being of the communities in which Lakewood serves.

Bauman pointed out some of the barriers in this region that make it difficult for people to have access to healthy food. These include economics (unable to afford healthy food) and distance (unable to travel to a grocery store). She proceeded to share a few testimonials of people who have directly benefited from the Engage program, such as the 35-year-old man who learned healthy cooking techniques and in one year went from 331

pounds to 240 pounds. In addition to the physical benefits he's experienced, the man has an improved disposition.

Dr. Samitt said he first learned about Lakewood's Food Access Initiatives while speaking with Rice at a past event. He went on to say that in Rice's typical "understated way" he described Lakewood's Engage program and their efforts to improve community health.

As he heard the positive results from this program, Dr. Samitt said he wanted to learn more, mentioning that Lakewood's work in this area was very much aligned with their strategy at Blue Cross and Blue Shield. They are aware that 80 percent of health takes place outside of the doctor's office, Samitt said, which means they must tackle those things that get in the way of good health.

Although Rice was very humble in describing their work at Lakewood, Dr. Samitt said he felt, "we need to shine a spotlight" on those who are reinventing the health industry "in a very big way."

He's been inspired by these stories, Samitt said of Lakewood's work, and believes that these sorts of initiatives are what's needed to "reclaim the Minnesota miracle, that in this state people are healthier."



Presented with award

Tim Rice (center), President and CEO of Lakewood Health System, was recently presented with the Trailblazer Award by Craig Samitt (left), President and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. Lakewood was being recognized by Blue Cross as a Trailblazer for its Food Access Initiatives which have been shown to reduce ER visits, improve quality of life and improve mental health. Also pictured is Eric Hoag, Vice President, Provider Relations for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



A shared desire for health solutions

Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka (center), stopped by Lakewood Health System June 6, to join the discussion about collaborating for better community health. The discussion was part of Blue Cross and Blue Shield's Trailblazer Tour, a program they launched

in 2016, part of the company's ongoing commitment to making a healthy difference in Minnesota communities. Sen. Gazelka mentioned that his goal is to lead the nation in driving down health care costs in his district. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Board told to unite

Longbella asked why it wasn't an open bid for all insurance companies to submit a bid, citing that he wanted the process to be fair and transparent.

Herdegen said professional services don't have to go out for a bid. Bratlie said "There's a limited number of insurance companies that will bid on schools," and the only way to reach them is through an agent. He said insurance companies will only give one bid, to the first agent who asks them.

The lowest bid was approved, with Longbella and board member Greg Frisk voting against.

The board also discussed a proposal to rename the Motley building the Staples-Motley Area Family Center. "What we just went through, we shouldn't put the name Staples in it," said Frisk.

Anderson pointed out that the building is owned by the Staples-Motley School District. "We have been tiptoeing around naming things a certain way and we have to get past it," said Anderson.

Bratlie said the City of Motley has not made a decision whether to rent portions of the building. He said some groups are looking at renting some space, including some tennis players. He said it costs \$86,000 per year to heat the building, but said there are opportunities to use the building in ways that could help enrollment down the road.

Parting suggestions

The meeting was Bratlie's last as Staples-Motley Superintendent, as he will be done on June 30. At the end of the meeting, he took time to talk to the board about what he has learned from his position.

"I see a board that's not unified, you're going in maybe three different directions," said Bratlie. "You're losing credibility and trust in the school district."

"The micro-managing has got to stop. If you have an issue, you need to call the right person," said Bratlie. "The job is not management, it is governance."

Bratlie suggested the board listen to students on the bond issue.

"They were not impressed with the bond election, they were hurt personally," said Bratlie. "They understand it has an impact on their learning."

Bratlie said the feedback from the school's surveys show that people in the community feel the building referendum was asking for too much money, the buildings are good enough now, and the public doesn't trust the board. "Those are the top three," said Bratlie.

Bratlie recommended bringing in the Minnesota School Board Association for workshops in the district to help board members and administration.

"You're a team, you have to work together. If you don't, things won't change," said Bratlie.

Again, he suggested listening to students. "Juniors, sophomores, seniors, there is some real knowledge there," said Bratlie.

Bratlie suggested hiring a full time communications person to tell positive messages about the things going on in the school.

"Thank you people for being here, it's been an interesting ride," said Bratlie.

In other news, the board

- Approved dairy bid for Dean Foods.

- Approved bread quote to Pan-O-Gold.

- Accepted resignations of Rita Weishalla, bus driver, Alan Marshall, bus driver, Reggie DeMars, transportation, Anna Dahlvang, paraprofessional and Kim Pestridge, paraprofessional.

- Approved contracts for Kim Pestridge, Academic Success Interventionist, Nathan Fischer, special education, Tony Spandl, physical education, Kassie Marthaler, school readiness, and Tammy Bell, food service.

- Approved fall sports head coaches: Chris Kappler, football, Gretchen Bestland, volleyball, Bruce Fuhrman, cross country, Jacque Doll, tennis, and Amanda Toft, swimming.