

School board members have questions on bills, coaches

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Procedures for paying bills and for hiring head coaches generated questions and considerable discussion at the Staples-Motley School Board meeting Oct. 23.

The usually routine process of authorizing the payment of bills was questioned by board member Dave Hoemberg.

"Why are we approving these if they've already been paid?" he asked, adding that with the district deficit spending, he suggested that one or two board members view the bills before payment.

Business manager Jaime Boesen said it could be set up but time could be an issue. Interest has to be paid to vendors on bills not paid after 35 days.

"It's her responsibility (the business manager's) to

know why we pay that bill, who authorized it and to pay it on time," said board chair Mary Freeman.

"I don't think the spending is out of line," she continued, referring to the budget deficit issue. "It's the funding."

"Purchase orders have multiple approvals before products are ordered," Boesen explained. "If the invoice matches the pre-approved order, then we pay. If not, we discover why."

"So there are checks and balances along the way," added Superintendent Ron Bratlie. "What you are doing is legal."

Freeman noted there has never been an issue for any auditor.

"Are we getting to the point where we can't buy baseballs until the board says so?" asked board member Chad Longbella. "We hired Jaime and her staff and I have to put my trust in her."

"Our job as a board is to hire a superintendent and to set policy. I'm not here to run the school on such a personal basis," he continued, adding that he reviews the checkbook and asks questions. "She gets back to me with the reasons."

Hoemberg again brought up the deficit.

"It's not the checkbook," Longbella said, adding it's in the hires and the cuts and the funding.

Board member Bryan Winkels called the question and the motion to approve payment of the vouchers was approved. Hoemberg was the only dissenting vote.

Another normally routine issue, approving the hiring of a head softball coach, had board member Greg Frisk questioning

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Bench honors Class of 1961 military members

Military members from the Staples High School Class of 1961 gathered to dedicate their bench at the Staples Veterans Park on Oct. 21. The bench lists all 27 military veterans from the class and their branch of service. Pictured from left, Donald Scott, Prior Lake; Clyde Japke, Staples; Gary Miller, Brainerd; Roger Randgaard, Staples; Bruce Johnson, Fargo; Richard Belling, Motley; Gary Briggs, Grand Rapids; Don Zerfoss, Verndale; Lee Jenkins, Staples; Larry Wettstein, Detroit Lakes; and Harley Killian, Staples.

Six of the military members from the class are deceased, David Brill, Blair Fahlander, Charles E. Mertens, Donald Muddick, Leland Knosalla and Clinton Trana. Members who could not attend the ceremony but are named on the bench include Darrel Thelen, John Grondahl, Eugene Grossman, Richard Johnson, Roger Johnson, Jerome Nurnberger, Byron Hildahl, Richard Lorentz, Larry Thorn and Richard Wetherell. The back of the bench has a photo of the Staples High School building from 1961. Attendees at the bench dedication circled the bench to chat and take photos. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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Hello, Readers,
Today, Oct. 26, is National Pumpkin Day honoring the favored autumn decoration and food that is used in a variety of recipes, competitions, and festivals. This squash is native to North America. The oldest evidence of pumpkin-related seeds dates back to somewhere between 7000 and 5500 BC to seeds found in Mexico. The word pumpkin originates from the word *pepon*, which means "large melon" in Greek. Within recent years, white pumpkins have become more popular in the United States. The United States produces 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins, with Illinois producing more than any other state. A 2,145-pound pumpkin from Streator, Ill., holds the current North American record. Grown by Gene McMullen in 2015, the great pumpkin weighed in a few hundred pounds lighter than the current world record pumpkin from 2014. At 2,323-pounds, the giant pumpkin from Switzerland retains the world record prize.

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Todd County seeks to fill open positions

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

The Todd County Health and Human Services Department has been going through staffing changes and last week was not an exception.

Three resignations were approved at the commissioners Oct. 17 meeting. They were for two child protection social workers: Danielle Huseby and Lia Seidl and eligibility worker, Jacque Ballou.

One appointment of an eligibility worker was

approved, for a previously vacated position which had been approved for recruitment and hiring on Aug. 1. Antonette Gall will fill that position.

The two open social worker positions were approved for recruitment.

The board also hired Kolby Kruse as a heavy equipment operator in the public works department.

The Todd County Sheriff's Office hired Haley Piotrowski as a part-time Jailor/Dispatcher. The sheriff's office was also approved to post in-house

for a full-time jailor/dispatcher.

According to County Coordinator Joe Hatch, the full-time hire for the custodian position also declined the position. They will be checking with the second place applicant to see if they are still available.

In other business the board:

- Extended condolences to the Blake Dixon family as he passed away. Dixon had worked in the assessor's office.
- Approved a gambling

permit for the Swanville Dollars for Scholars to hold gambling activities at Shady's Golden Eagle in Grey Eagle Township effective Nov. 1, 2017 until revoked or otherwise cancelled as provided by law.

- Set the public hearing date of Nov. 7 at 9:30 a.m. for the revised county fee schedule.

- Approved a contribution of \$7,500 to the Initiative Foundation. The foundation had requested \$5,500, but Board Member David Kircher had asked that the amount be researched in other counties and if the budget could handle it to give more.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said they could go as high as \$10,000. Kircher made the motion for \$7,500.

- Acknowledged that Gaida will be recruiting and appointing a chief deputy auditor/treasurer within her department.

Kircher said that the state statute gives her the authority to appoint someone and asked why the board was involved.

Gaida said because they had gone through the personnel committee and that every hire goes through the county board.

Kircher said that if the board has control over this area then the statute becomes meaningless.

Acting Chairman Randy Neumann said that it was just common courtesy to bring it to the board, but that it was up to Gaida who she wanted to appoint.

County Coordinator Joe Hatch said that they could go through the county attorney to make sure it was within the statute for Gaida to appoint.

Gaida said that she had brought it as courtesy to the board and that instead of "authorizing" her to appoint someone, that they could just "acknowledge" that she was going to do that.

- Approved a Hold Harmless Agreement for ditch maintenance of 415 feet on County Ditch 12 from Timothy Stelling and Jim Nathe in West Union Township sections 16 and 17.

- The Todd County Ditch Authority approved minor maintenance on parcel 27-4000500 in West Union Township Section 9 and accepted the quote from MBC Drainage in the amount of \$2,400 for the project which includes excavating 1,200 feet of ditch and side casting and leveling spoil.

Ditch Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp said that the Department of Natural Resources would not approve a HHA so they are doing minor maintenance which is allowed. She talked to Ditch Attorney Kurt Dieter about it to make sure.

- Todd County elected jurisdiction over enforcement of the Buffer Law June 20, 2017, indicating that enforcement would be through ordinance and

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Pumpkin eating pumpkin?

A pumpkin eating a pumpkin was seen on the doorstep of the Joe Fellman residence on 4th St. NE in Staples in preparation for Halloween. The cannibalistic design was gaining the attention of passing motorists. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Barbershop quartet

Kordal Kombat will bring their barbershop quartet music to Timbers Event Center in Staples on Saturday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Mark Halverstadt, Scott Veenhuis, Ben Israelson, Adam Helgeson. This concert is sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council and underwritten by Unity Bank.

Kordal Kombat opens 2017-18 concert series

Kordal Kombat barbershop quartet will perform at Timbers Event Center in Staples on Saturday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m., kicking off the Staples Motley Area Arts Council's new season.

Based out of Central Minnesota, Kordal Kombat delivers a fun, high-energy performance that comes with a variety of great music for all ages. Members include Mark Halverstadt, tenor; Scott Veenhuis, lead; Adam Helgeson, baritone; and Ben Israelson, bass.

Since their founding in 2009 at the University of Minnesota, Morris, Kordal Kombat has test-driven the entire spectrum of a cappella music genres, including classical, gospel, pop, doo wop, jazz and everything in between.

In the summer of 2012, inspired by YouTube videos of barbershop performances and afterglows, four bored but vocally-gifted young men made a spontaneous road trip to

Portland, Ore., to attend the International Barbershop Convention. While there they discovered their true love was for the barbershop style of singing. Shortly after, they joined the Willmar chapter of the Land O'Lakes District of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Now all four members of Kordal Kombat are proud, first generation barbershoppers.

Over the years the quartet has competed at the International Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest, placing eighth; and at the Minnesota State Fair, where they were named champions at the county fair talent contest.

Kordal Kombat's journey has taken them all over North America. They've opened for a cappella group Tonic Sol-Fa, performed in collaboration with members of the University of Minnesota, Morris Concert Choir on 'A Prairie Home Companion' with Garrison Keillor; and toured the east

coast of the United States and eastern Canada with their college choir as well.

For more information about Kordal Kombat, visit them on Facebook or at their website, www.kordalkombat.com.

Still to come on this year's SM Area Arts Council season are *The Iverson Family*, with their New Year's Eve concert; *White-sidewalls*, performing doo-wop, rockabilly and rock and roll; and *An Afternoon Tea*, featuring the music of harpist Anna Koopmann and guitarist Casey Smithley.

For more information, check out the arts council's website at www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Tickets for Kordal Kombat are available online at the arts council's website; or purchase them by cash or check at the Staples World, located at 224 4th St. NE in Staples. For more information call 218-894-1112.

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Riparian Protection Ordinance approved

administrative penalty order.

A request to initiate the process to amend the ordinance to accommodate the Buffer Law was granted July 5, 2017.

According to Planning and Zoning Director Tim Stieber, drafts of Riparian Protection Ordinance Section 9.22 were reviewed by the Planning Commission on Aug. 3, Sept. 7 and Oct. 2. The public was also invited to provide input at these public meetings.

Only seven members of the public and several township members attended the meetings, according to Stieber.

On Oct. 2 the Todd County Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the Riparian Protection Ordinance Section 9.22 final draft to the Todd County Board of Commissioners.

The commissioners approved adoption of the Riparian Protection Ordinance Section 9.22 as submitted, effective Nov. 1.

• The board approved the updated Employee Personnel Handbook.

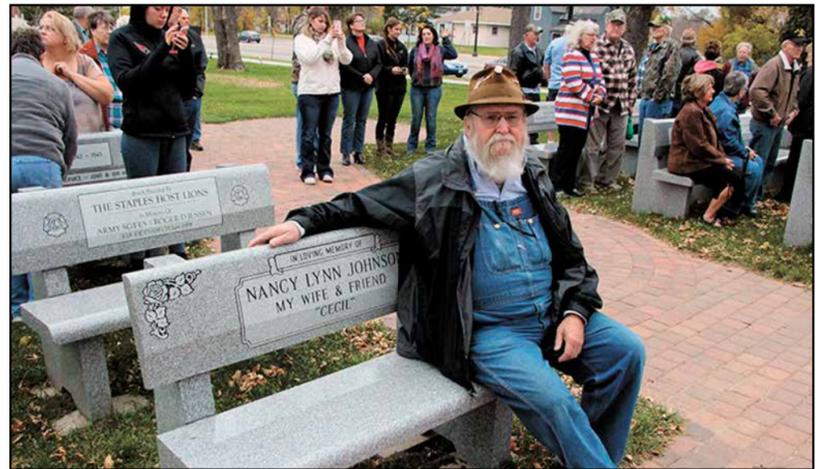
Hatch presented the following back-

ground: On July 18 a draft update for the personnel policy was presented at a work session to the county board.

At the work session, the board provided comments and feedback on the suggested changes and they have been included. Items recommended to be updated included the recruitment, hiring and resignation process, performance management, updates on many new federal and state policies and requirements, a pay philosophy, and changes in the Comparable Worth area from Hay to Springsted. The policy has been reviewed by the county's labor attorney.

There are items the labor attorney suggested we continue to review and refine with the next update.

According to Hatch, administration staff will continue to monitor federal and state changes and will review the policy next year with the commissioners to continually improve and update the policy annually.



In loving memory

U.S. Air Force veteran Cecil Johnson enjoyed the Veterans Park dedication ceremony from a bench seat that he purchased in honor of his wife Nancy, who died this year. His bench was one of the park additions that were dedicated on Oct. 21. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Food plots for winter wildlife

As the cold winter temperature start to settle in, many wildlife species will be looking for high energy food sources. If you would like to provide a food source for wildlife consider planting a food plot or leaving crop as a food plots. It's a much better and safer method to feed wildlife than dumping corn or other grains.

When wildlife congregate around a single pile they are more likely to spread diseases, such as CWD in whitetails. Additionally wildlife in the area become accustomed to finding this easy food. If that food supply were to stop being replenished it would be difficult for wildlife to adapt. Creating food plots instead you can spread out those wildlife, making them less susceptible to disease, plus as the food supply slowly disappears wildlife will disperse, more easily adapt and start looking for a new food source.

Something to consider when planning a food plot specifically for wildlife, is

to provide a food source that benefits wildlife during multiple parts of winter. This can be done by planting a mixture of corn, sorghum, sunflower and millet.

Another source of winter food, especially for our non-migratory birds like chickadees and nuthatches, can come from wildflower seeds. An area of diverse wildflowers can provide this food supply as well as habitat for pollinators during the summer months.

For more information on ways to improve winter wildlife habitat contact the NRCS office at 320-732-6618 ext. 3.

New therapy relieves debilitating heel pain



Persistent and debilitating heel pain was ruining Curtis Sanow's active life.

Sanow started feeling pain in his Achilles tendon in June 2016. "I'd been playing a lot of softball and thought I'd bruised the back of my heel," says the former high school baseball player who was playing in three softball leagues. "When I stepped, it felt like my Achilles was going to burst or tear," Sanow recalls.

Sanow's job on a survey crew requires tramping through all kinds of terrain in all kinds of weather. "We find a lot of property corners," says the 35-year-old Brainerd resident. "It's a physical job and I carry a lot of heavy equipment. That took a toll." The land surveyor-in-training retreated to desk duty at work.

When the heel pain persisted, Sanow went to Urgent Care and later to his doctor. When anti-inflammatory medications and physical therapy didn't help, he turned to Dr. Jessica Tabatt, a podiatrist at the Essentia Health St. Joseph's-Brainerd Clinic. She ordered an MRI to see if he had torn his tendon.

"I told my wife, I don't want them to find anything because that will mean surgery but I wish they'd find something because that would end this," Sanow recalls.

The MRI showed no damage and physical therapy didn't help either. The pain last winter kept Sanow on the couch instead of at the gym. "I like to work out and stay in shape," he says. "I couldn't even work in my wood shop because that was too much time on my feet."

"When we went to Mexico for our wedding and honeymoon in January, I had to wear a boot," Sanow says. The boot is designed to immobilize the heel to help reduce pain and inflammation.

In February, Sanow was referred to Dr. Nancy Henry-Socha, a pain specialist at the Brainerd Clinic. She explained he had a chronic injury in his tendon that couldn't heal because tendons don't have a good supply of blood like the muscles and bones they connect.

Dr. Henry-Socha recommended a treatment called platelet-rich plasma (PRP). Using an ultrasound image to guide her, the pain specialist would precisely inject plasma taken from Sanow's own blood into the tendon. The plasma would jump-start his body's own healing. "The platelets send chemical signals to start the healing here," she explains.

Platelet-rich plasma can be injected into a tendon, joint or ligament to relieve pain. It's part of regenerative medicine, a practice that helps activate natural healing processes so patients can heal faster and better, Dr. Henry-Socha says.

"I was up for anything," Sanow says. She made me feel at ease, and my wife feel at ease, about it."

Pain relief is not immediate but came as the tendon healed. Sanow says he was feeling better at two weeks and even better a month later, when he had a follow-up appointment. At 12 weeks, his pain was 95 percent gone. "If I walk all day, there's a little tenderness to the touch," he says. "A year ago, I would have been laying on the couch for a day."

Sanow is back in field at work and back in his woodshop. He's doing yard work and biking.

To make an appointment with Dr. Nancy Henry-Socha, a pain medicine specialist at the Essentia Health St. Joseph's-Brainerd Clinic, you need a referral from your physician or health care provider.

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High Renewable Fuel Standard crucial to help farmers, climate

By Gary Wertish, President Minnesota Farmers Union

By now, it's obvious that the farm economic crisis is largely caused by an oversupply of corn and soybeans with not enough demand. Meanwhile, climate change looms large over the United States, one of the symptoms being destructive hurricanes that damage oil refineries in Texas.

We can look to previous farm depressions for advice. In the past, renewable fuels have been key in raising producers out of tough times. This is why it makes no sense that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced lower proposed renewable fuel volume obligations under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Corn growers sell millions of bushels of corn to ethanol plants every year. Soybean growers need more opportunities to market their products, like biodiesel. The U.S. needs to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels.

President Donald Trump has said on multiple occasions that he wants to grow the ethanol industry. That's a good promise

to keep. But his energy secretary, Rick Perry, asked the EPA to waive half the conventional renewable fuel quota as Texas governor in 2008, according to a Bloomberg News story. His EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt, is the leader of the agency that seems to be working against the interests of U.S. farmers and the environment.

EPA has released a Notice of Data Availability, inviting public comments on "potential options for reductions in the 2018 biomass-based diesel, advanced biofuel and total renewable fuel volumes, and/or the 2019 biomass-based diesel volume under the (RFS) program."

The notice includes suggestions of reducing biomass-based diesel by 315 million gallons. This would drop the total Renewable Volume Obligation (which includes conventional ethanol) to 18.77 billion gallons from 19.24 billion gallons.

The good news is that there's nothing mentioned about changing the Trump administration's call for 15 billion gallons of availability for conventional biofuel, which is typically corn ethanol.

However, the fact that EPA is considering rolling back renewable fuels of any kind is still a concern. The RFS law is intended to expand markets for biofuels produced in the U.S. Plus, biofuels provide jobs for rural America and lower the cost of fuel for consumers.

Another piece of good news for Minnesota is the B20 mandate. Starting in spring 2018, diesel fuel sold here will be required to contain at least 20 percent biodiesel. That's an increase from the current B10. The entire nation should be going this direction.

We need ethanol and other biofuels because they are grown in the United States, provide a boost to farmers and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. Some of the biggest oil refineries in America were just hit hard by Hurricane Harvey and were shut down for weeks, driving gas prices up everywhere. Turning to more renewable fuels can ease that pain in the future.

Minnesota Farmers Union urges the EPA to increase biofuel volume requirements - not decrease them.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and globalization

By Hector E. Garcia

Millions of middle class Americans, mostly in rural areas, are feeling cornered by the overwhelming forces of globalization. Their employment was displaced by automation, international competition and corporations' transfer of jobs to other nations with lesser production costs and more flexible laws. Many of these Americans express a visceral anger towards anything international and desperately reach for national isolation and solutions that would save them from people who don't look and speak like them.

Some leaders have convinced them that they are victims of sinister foreigners who ridicule American good will and naivete in international agreements, which are unfair to the U.S. Those leaders claim that criminals who have crossed the border illegally are responsible not only for loss of jobs but also for rape, murder and unprecedented addiction to drugs among Americans.

Fear over declining income, increase of joblessness and violence make people susceptible to lash out at anyone with whom they are unfamiliar. The federal program DACA founded in 2012 is perceived to benefit such "others."

Consequently, many believe they should pressure President Trump to eliminate the program.

DACA makes individuals, who were brought before age 16 by adult undocumented immigrants, eligible for a work permit and not be subject to deportation during two-year renewable periods. DACA requires beneficiaries be in school or have a high school degree, a record free of serious misdemeanors and felonies or be honorably discharged from armed forces. Approximately 800,000 DACA applications have been ap-

proved; original estimate by Pew Research Center of eligible applicants was 1.7 million.

It seems wise to consider some of the origins of the surrounding circumstances and potential consequences of this decision.

Most of the persons who entered the U.S. without immigration documents since the surge that followed the 1994 launching of the North American Free Trade Agreements (NAFTA) are from Mexico. Their acceptance of the risks involved was an act of desperation not unlike the desperation experienced by Americans today.

They were hit by the forces of globalization even before NAFTA was signed. The Mexican government rolled out the red carpet to foreign investors excited over NAFTA's promise by pulling the rug from under millions of poor families surviving through small plots of land.

A system called "ejido," created to prevent concentration of land ownership after the Mexican 1910 revolution, had a similar intent as the U.S. Homestead Acts. In a witty maneuver, President Salinas made it possible for foreigners to buy the land of survival farmers. Later, corn farmers were put out of business by American corn sold to Mexico at below-cost prices allowed by U.S. government subsidies.

Both farming groups moved by the millions into Mexican cities already suffering from unemployment and, eventually, to the wealthiest country in the world, risking life, freedom and dignity.

Governments and corporations in the U.S. and other developed nations launched globalization. Above cited Americans and the Mexican poor were pawns in a vast international chess game. Such situations should not be surprising; readers only need recall who were re-

sponsible for 2008 global financial crisis and who paid the costs.

The relevant question now is: how can we address DACA constructively? Should children following trusted adults into a different nation whose language they don't understand be penalized for violating a law they ignored?

In terms of economic self-interest, U.S. taxpayers have already invested in these young people. The latter are leading productive lives and represent a resource to address the country's huge socioeconomic challenges.

Xenophobic and ethnocentric nations such as North Korea are subject to precarious economic uncertainty. Maintaining a nation "untainted" by people of other colors and cultures is a formula for economic atrophy not greatness.

American exceptional achievements evolved from following nature's lesson that diversity makes ecosystems flourish. Much as some try to homogenize all that is human, it is reality that determines the outcome.

Simple optics might convey the message if readers view pictures of Jong-Un's troops. They do indeed "shock and awe" but is ostentatious and machine-like power what we want for our children and children of those with whom we share the suffering inflicted by uncaring elites?

Diversity is an unavoidable part of reality. Instead of removing immigrants on the basis of diversity, we should once and for all manage U.S. immigration efficiently.

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Government chaos: who needs to step up?

By Lee H. Hamilton

An interesting thing keeps happening to me. Every few days, someone — an acquaintance, a colleague, even a stranger on the street — approaches me. They ask some version of the same question: What can we do to pull ourselves out of this dark period?

For the many Americans who respect representative democracy, the Constitution, and the rule of law, there's reason to be concerned. The President is off to a rocky start: he's unproductive and undignified at home and derided on the world stage. Congress struggles to get its bearings. In the country at large, forces of intolerance and division are at loose on the streets and on the nightly news.

So are we in a downward spiral as a nation? Not by a long shot. Because here's the thing to keep in mind: our institutions are far more durable than any single president or any single historical period.

History is certainly on our side. We've survived a civil war, two world wars, Watergate, four presidential assassinations, the packing of the Supreme Court by Franklin Roosevelt, economic depressions and recessions, more nasty power struggles than you can count... and still the country has moved for-

ward. You can look back and gain confidence from our history.

Or you can look around you. Congress as an institution is being tested as it rarely has in its modern history, and it's shown a few hopeful glimmers. It did so when it passed by a huge margin its sanctions bill against Russia, rebuking President Trump for his mysterious fascination with Vladimir Putin and his unwillingness to single out Russia for criticism.

It did so even more forcefully when Republican leaders in the Senate took the extraordinary step of holding pro forma sessions during recesses so that a Republican president could not make recess appointments and circumvent the normal Senate confirmation process — or, to be more precise, so that he could not fire the attorney general and then appoint someone who would fire Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

The federal bureaucracy has drawn lines in the sand, too. When the President suggested that law enforcement officers should, in essence, rough up suspects, the acting chief of the Drug Enforcement Administration sent an email to his employees rebuking the idea. When the President announced plans to discriminate against transgender troops, the Pentagon declined to begin the process.

When two billionaire friends of the President tried to force federal regulators to bend rules in their favor, they were rebuffed by the agencies in question. There's been real pushback by Foreign Service officers against a move to hollow out the State Department. And, the courts have blocked various Trump immigration policies.

At the state and local level, there's been similar resistance. Though some states appear ready to go along with the Presidential Advisory Commission on Voter Integrity's maneuvering to shrink the vote,

many are not. California Gov. Jerry Brown and other governors and mayors took a major step when they indicated that they will still be working to address climate change even after President Trump declared the U.S. would withdraw from the Paris climate accord.

And it's not just pushback: The failure by Congress and the President to make progress on funding the rebuilding or expansion of basic infrastructure has alarmed governors, mayors, and policy makers throughout state and local government, who are demanding action on infrastructure problems.

Then, of course, there are the business and other leaders who resigned from various presidential advisory boards in the wake of the President's response to the Charlottesville clashes in early August. And the scientists, including some within the government, who are trying to draw attention to administration efforts to weaken the role of scientists in environmental regulation and climate policy.

And an aroused, watchful national media that has worked hard to shine a light on the administration's actions and the President's activity. And the many Americans who besieged Congress as the Senate considered repealing the Affordable Care Act.

In other words, our institutions — Congress, the executive branch, the courts, civil society — are being put to the test. And they're beginning to step up. So must we all.

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High school antics on stage

In the Staples-Motley High School fall comedy "The Cow Tippers," Delaney Larson plays a new teacher at a country school who has to learn about the unusual people in the community. Above left, Macy Judd plays a student who brings a slingshot to school to keep boys away, and at right, Sivert Klefsaas acts out a romantic scene with some unusual props. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

'The Cow Tippers' is SMHS fall play

Staples-Motley High School will present their fall play, "The Cow Tippers," on Thursday, Nov. 2; Friday, Nov. 3; and Saturday, Nov. 4, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. All performances begin at 7 p.m.

Directors for the play include Justin Edin, Tamber Edin and Brian Sterriker.

A synopsis of "The Cow Tippers" is as follows:

Mrs. Brown has moved to Hoke's Bluff to study rural school life. She's used to schools equipped with state-of-the-art computer labs and up-to-date technology. At Hoke's Bluff, however, high tech is an intercom system consisting of an aluminum can with a piece of string attached.

On the first day of school, the sheriff shows up looking for leads to cow-tipping pranks. Her study of

"these people" may be more than she bargained for.

But, as relationships are built, Mrs. Brown not only teaches her students a few lessons, but she learns a few of her own. And when Clyde, the school janitor, has eyes for her, she also discovers that there's more on these people's minds than just cow tipping.

Children invited to Treats on the Streets

The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce is organizing a "Treats on the Streets" event from 3:30-5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Participating businesses in Staples and Motley will have an orange pumpkin in their window

Youth Rally for Life Identity Crisis

"What happens when you don't know who you are?"

A Youth Rally for Life Identity Crisis will be held Weds., Nov. 8 at the Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE. All area seventh through 12 graders are invited to attend.

Speaker Tracie Rademacher gives a positive, challenging message to young people about overcoming life's challenges for a better understanding of who they were created to be.

Registration/ice breaker at 5:30 p.m.; food served

and games starting at 6 p.m. Tracie will begin her message at 6:29 p.m.

A parent class session on "The Whole Sex Talk," a Biblically-based multi-media program, will be held the same evening from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

To RSVP call 218-895-5200 or email stapleslaps@gmail.com. Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center - Staples Branch is hosting the event. Free will offering accepted.

Kip and Eric Peltoniemi to perform in Wadena

Kip and Eric Peltoniemi will perform at the Robertson Theatre in Wadena Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

The Peltoniemi brothers were born and raised in Wadena. Each pursued a career in music and entertainment. They will return to Wadena to present a program of songs and stories from the absurd to the sublime and in the process share their knowledge of Finnish culture.

This program is part of a series of free programs

for Fall 2017 from the Wadena County Historical Society. While many of the programs in the 2017 Performing Arts Series have been rather serious, this one is certain to be seriously funny.

The Robertson Theatre is located at the Wadena-Deer Creek School, 600 Colfax Avenue SW. The program is free but reservations are suggested. Call 218 631-9079 or email 603wchs@arvig.net to reserve seats.

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.; Thursdays, 7 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 MTG AT STAPLES COMMUNITY CENTER: Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-8048.

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

AL-ANON MTG Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Staples United Methodist Church. For info., 218-296-1123.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY - ALCOHOLICS VICTORIOUS MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-640-5679.

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

NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS) PEER SUPPORT GROUP meets Thursdays, 7 p.m., at an Open Book, Jefferson Square Mall, 209 Jefferson St. S., Wadena. For info., call NAMI at 651-645-2948.

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., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info., 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 3:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-3510, ext. 5376.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Thursday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt., 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG sponsored by Tri-County Health Care, first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., TCHC, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 6 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-296-2352.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-632-8733.

MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MTG second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall. For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Thursday, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Lakewood Health System Senior Campus, Staples. For info., 218-894-8393.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

SENIOR CITIZENS MTG AT LEADER HALL third Tuesday. Potluck lunch, 11:30 a.m.; blood pressures, 11:30 a.m.

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.

STAPLES MOTLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION MTG second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Staples Family Center. For info., 218-894-1897, or smccc@isd2170.k12.mn.us.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG third Thursday, 8 p.m., Church of Christ, Browerville. 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 DFLWadenaCoChair@yahoo.com.

WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION MTG second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley. For info., 218-640-5423.

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

October 31

COMMUNITY FALL CARNIVAL - FREE Tues., Oct. 31, 6 - 8 p.m., at Staples Alliance Church, 1512 8th St. NE, Staples. For ages 2 yrs. - 6th grade. Games, prizes, candy, popcorn, face painting, more.

TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT - FREE Tues., Oct. 31, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley. Candy for children, games, a showing of 'It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown' on the church's big screen. Visit with law enforcement and fire fighters. Community members are welcome to come and decorate a trunk/wear a costume and pass out treats.

November 2, 21

IMMUNIZATIONS CLINICS sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, Thurs., Nov. 2, 3 - 5 p.m.; and Tues., Nov. 21, 10 a.m. - noon, at 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. For info., 218-631-7629. Wadena County Public Health also offers family and child health services, including WIC. Call above number for info., to schedule an appointment.

November 10

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM at the Motley-Staples Middle School Friday, Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m.

October 28

'SOUP, SANDWICH AND A SONG' CONCERT sponsored by the Staples Area Women's Chorus, Sat., Oct. 28, Staples Alliance Church, 1512 8th St. NE, Staples. Doors open at noon, festivities begin at 12:30 p.m. For info., 218-839-3900.

Avoid Event Conflicts
Check the Events Calendar online at www.staplesworld.com
Submit events to dtimebs@staplesworld.com

COZY THEATRE WADENA, MN

Screen 1
Held Over 2nd Week!
Fri. thru Thurs. Oct. 27 - Nov. 2
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:00 & 9:30
Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:00
Matinee Sun. Oct. 29 at 1:15 pm

Screen 2
Fri. thru WED. Oct. 27 - Nov. 1
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:10 & 9:30
Sun. thru Wed. 1 Show at 7:10
Matinee Sun. Oct. 29 at 1:25 pm

Screen 3
Fri. Sat. Sun. Oct. 27-28-29
Fri. & Sat. ONE Show at 7:15 ONLY!
Matinee Sun. Oct. 29 at 1:30 pm

Fri. thru Tues. Oct. 27 - 31
Fri. & Sat. ONE Show at 9:30 ONLY!
Sun. thru Tues. 1 Show at 7:15

Matinees & Tuesday Bargain Night!
All Seats Only \$5!
www.cozytheatre.com

~The Kingery Family in Concert~
SUNDAY, OCT. 29, 3 P.M.

THOMASTOWN COVENANT CHURCH
15940 251st Ave., Staples
(7 mi. North of stoplights)
Freewill offering.

Snacks, beverages and fellowship following the concert.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY
Sat. Oct. 28
Prizes for 1st - 2nd & 3rd Judging at 11pm
Free Juke Box 8-12:30

*Beer & Drink Specials if in costume 8-11pm
*Hor s d'oeuvres

Staples 894-9979 **Lefty's** STAPLES

Sacred Heart Church, Staples
Pork Loin and Chicken Dinner
SUNDAY, OCT. 29
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Serving in the church basement (310 4th St. NE):
Pork loin, chicken, potatoes, gravy, squash, corn, cole slaw, dressing, buns and pie.
Tickets at the door:
Adults: \$10 Ages 6-12: \$5 Children under 5 FREE!
Adult pre-sale tickets: \$9.50
Sold at Sacred Heart Area School and before Mass (10:30 a.m.) two weekends prior.
Takeout orders, call Dan, 218-639-8032.
11 a.m. BAZAAR, Non Bingo, Produce/Plant Sale, Baked Goods at Sacred Heart Area School (1:30 p.m. drawing)

All City Youth Group Annual Food Shelf Drive, Staples SUNDAY, Oct. 29
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth from area church's Youth Groups will be "trick or treating" for **FOOD SHELF** donations.

If you won't be home, leave donations on your doorstep or drop off at the Staples United Methodist Church, 310 5th St. NE, 3 - 5 p.m.

Halloween Party
Sat, Oct. 28
•Costume Party
Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd
•Happy Hour For Those In Costume
•Karaoke
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352-6310
Motley

Hewitt United Methodist Church
41st Annual BAZAAR
Sat., October 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Hewitt Community Center
10 a.m. Coffee, milk and pie
11 a.m. Lunch
Chicken noodle hotdish, cole slaw, dinner rolls, beet pickles, cranberries, coffee/milk and pie
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HAUNTED HOLLOW
FRIDAY, OCT. 27
7:30 - 10:30 p.m. \$10 at door.
SATURDAY, OCT. 28
7:30 - 10:30 p.m. \$10 at door.

DIRECTIONS: 1.5 mi. East of Staples, on the Warner Road or 1 mi. North of Lakewood Health System, Staples on Cty. Rd. 83 then, 1/4 mi. West on Warner Rd. (28943 Todd Line Road) Watch for signs!

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SHAS holds annual work-athon event

Students, staff and parents from Sacred Heart Area School held their annual community work-athon event Oct. 18, event. Preschoolers and kindergartners cleaned up the school grounds and playgrounds (right 2nd photo); first and second graders were at Northern Pacific Park (below) raking leaves and picking up sticks and third, fourth and fifth graders were at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, (above and top right) removing overgrown sod from foot stones and raking leaves. The students learned about being respectful in the cemetery, realizing that all the monuments represent lost loved ones. Through student pledges this year's event raised \$9,000 for the school. (Submitted photos)



Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:
Born to Jamie and Joel Carlton of Crosslake, a

baby boy, Moses Hudson weighing nine pounds, four ounces on October 14, 2017.
Born to Jessica and Stephen Adams of Brainerd,

a baby girl, Breck Emsly weighing eight pounds, two ounces on October 14, 2017.
Born to Britta Goerlich and Matthew Wendt of Backus, a baby girl, Isabelle Rae weighing seven pounds, two ounces on October 14, 2017.

Born to Amanda Walker and Matt Colburn of Park Rapids, a baby girl, Madison Taylor weighing seven pounds, four ounces on October 15, 2017.

Born to Emily and Zac Swarhout of Brainerd, a baby boy, Liam Rhys weighing seven pounds, six ounces on October 17, 2017.
Born to Penny and Steven Statema of Motley, a baby girl, Eleanor Hope weighing six pounds, two ounces on October 17, 2017.

Born to Fariha and Farhan Qureshi of Motley, a baby boy, Aariz weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on October 17, 2017.

Born to Becca and Chad Lardy of Motley, a baby boy, Mason David weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on October 19, 2017.



WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

Women of Faith Holistic Approaches to Ascertain Health Fostering Peace & Wellness through Self and for the Communities

Timberlake Hotel

1212 2nd Ave. NE, Staples, MN 56479
Saturday, Oct. 28 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-of-faith-tickets-37629097644>

By the end of the workshop Women of Faith will be able to:

- Understand the intersection of cultures, spirituality/religions and Wellness
- Learn skills that will aid in the promotion of peaceful and healthy behaviors
- Learn healthy coping strategies to cope with the unknown environmental trigger
- Learn skills to identify triggers and how to direct energy toward self and community peace
- Understand how to eliminate toxic environmental fear and promote healthy positive outcomes

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On behalf of Art Noble...

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.
A special thank you to Father Joe and the ladies who made the lunch at St. Michael's Church and special thanks to Amanda and Lonna at Lakewood Hospice.
Luke, Amber, Cody and Lizzy Noble

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Obituaries

Bruce Lee

Bruce Dale Lee, 58, of Staples, passed away October 22, 2017, at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Per Bruce's wishes, there will be no services.

Arrangements were by Brenny Funeral Home, Staples.

Bruce was born May 2, 1959 in Hibbing to Leslie and Marlene (Higginbotham) Lee. Bruce loved to fish, hunt and garden. Bruce was a cabinetmaker and carpenter. He enjoyed feeding the birds and watching them.

Bruce is survived by one sister, Penny Lee of Hibbing and one brother, Michael (Lise) Lee of Mora; uncles, aunts, numerous cousins and many friends in Staples.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant brother, Jody.

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Aundria Walgren-Schadow

Aundria May Walgren-Schadow, 38, of Balsam Lake, Wisc., passed away unexpectedly October 14, 2017, in an automobile accident.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, at 11:00 a.m. at First Lutheran Church in Pillager, with visitation one hour prior to services at the church. Lunch and continued visiting will follow the service.

Aundria was born March 14, 1979 in Wadena, to Roger Arthur and Cindy L. (Hunter) Walgren. Aundria attended school in Osceola, WI, graduating from Osceola High School in 1997. She was currently employed at the Tenere Corporation in Osceola. She enjoyed music, swimming, camping, vacations, mud bogging, tubing the river, four wheeling, bonfires and sitting outside looking at the stars. Most of all she loved her children.

She is survived by one son, Brendon Mattison, Pillager; two daughters, Ryhley Mattison and Kaedince Schadow, Balsam Lake; mother, Cindy Walgren, Pillager; father, Roger (Sherri) Walgren, Laporte; one sister, Angela Walgren, Brainerd; grandmother, Marlene Lindeman, Motley; grandfather, George Urbanski, Taylors Falls; aunts, uncles and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Wayne Hunter, Lawrence Lindeman and Janet and Art Walgren.

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Virginia Kay

Virginia Kay, 86, of Staples, passed away October 22, 2017, at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Services will be held Oct. 28 at 11 a.m. at Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples, with Pastor Greg Leslie officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Funeral Home in Staples.

Virginia was born October 11, 1931 at home in Cass County to Paul and Dorothy (Beers) Stevenson.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary (Dennis) Baker of Perham and Marlys Hagedorn of Minneapolis; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Gary Stevenson and one sister, Joy Ramaley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ronald Kay and one brother, Doug Stevenson.

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Daniel Willette

Daniel G. Willette, 63, of Verndale, passed away October 19, 2017.

A Celebration of Life will be held Oct. 28, at 2 p.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until time of services at the church at the church.

Dan was born March 29, 1954 to Theodore and Theresa (Zimmerman) Willette in St. Paul, one of 17 children. He grew up in the Milaca. He married Janet Trumbull, on April 1, 1983, in Lindstrom. He farmed and worked for Horizon Heating & Plumbing of Brainerd.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Melanie Austad, Moorhead and Melissa Willette, Forest Lake and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers and one sister.

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Jean Dezell

Jean Murial Dezell, 87, formerly of Staples, passed away August 30, 2017, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Interment will be held at the Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples at a later date.

She was a dedicated charge nurse for many years, retiring at age 72.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry (Gail) Neuschwander and Jeff (Athena) Dezell; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Jean is preceded in death by two husbands, Joseph Neuschwander and Gordon Dezell; two sons, Randy Neuschwander and Jonathan Dezell; one granddaughter, Mary Jean Neuschwander and great-grandson, Doston Neuschwander.

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Jeanette Nelson

Jeanette "Jan" Nelson, 86, of Brainerd, passed away October 23, 2017, at Bethany Good Samaritan Society, Brainerd.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 1:00 p.m. Oct. 28 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Brainerd with Father Daniel Weiske officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be in Baxter City Cemetery.

Arrangements are with Nelson-Doran Funeral Home, Brainerd.

Jan was born November 17, 1930 in Todd County to Frank and Evelyn (Smith) Macho.

Jan is survived by two daughters, Karen (Leon) Winterowd and Barb (Mike) Villwock; two sons, Jeff (Annette) Anderson and Steven (Wendy) Anderson; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sheldon Nelson; parents; two brothers, LeRoy and Dale Macho; two sisters, LaVerne Hagenson and Darlene Macho; and Derald Anderson.

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Care Center

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Christy Oswalt, November 3; Pauline Page, November 8; Walter Wiese, November 8; Margaret Bielefeld, November 18; John Felts, November 19.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Weds., Nov. 1 - 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Lincoln Ladies Aid

Thurs., Nov. 2 - 10 a.m. Bible study, Pastor Floistad; 2 p.m. Birthday Party hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church

Fri., Nov. 3 - 10 a.m. Cappuccino; 2 p.m. Entertainment, Doug Spartz

Sat., Nov. 4 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Singers

Sun., Nov. 5 - 1:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge; 2:15 p.m. Social time

Mon., Nov. 6 - 10 a.m. Veterans Day Program

Tues., Nov. 7 - 2:15 p.m. Church, Motley Free Methodist; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Nov. 8 - 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Fri., Nov. 10 - 9:30 a.m. Church, Faith Lutheran; 1:30 p.m. Friendly Friday with Faith Lutheran

Sat., Nov. 11 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., Nov. 12 - 1:30 p.m. Word Game; 2 p.m. Anniversary Party for Hutchisons

Mon., Nov. 13 - 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Tues., Nov. 14 - 10 a.m. Sing-Along w/Bruce; 2:15 p.m. Church, Staples Assembly of God; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Nov. 15 - 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Church of Christ quilters

When someone we love becomes a memory; that memory becomes a treasure.

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NJPA partners with Alliance for Innovation

National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA), Staples has signed on as a Corporate Partner with the Alliance for Innovation, a national network of professionals in city and county government dedicated to inspiring innovation to advance communities.

NJPA Director of Regional Programs Paul Drange says the values and mission of NJPA and the Alliance for Innovation align in such a way that an official partnership makes sense.

“We exist to serve public entities and are dedicated to delivering innovative solutions that help our members work more efficiently,” Drange said. “NJPA is passionate about continuous improvement and enhancing processes. We’re excited to partner with the Alliance for Innovation and look forward to collaborating with the organization’s members, affiliates and other corporate partners.”

The Alliance for Innovation seeks partnerships with organizations demonstrating a passion for excellence in public service, dedication to improving community processes and service delivery and a commitment to accelerate innovation with flexible, scalable solutions.

As an official partner, NJPA will help support national webinars, regional workshops, Innovation Labs and Forums, publications and educational and networking opportunities for Alliance members.

Placing emphasis on innovation has sparked significant growth for NJPA in recent years. The organization is eager to encourage the same for other public entities across the nation.

Within its home region of Central Minnesota, NJPA supports the local governments and schools across a five-county area comprised of some of the

highest poverty-stricken communities in the state. One of the fastest-growing and most innovative services NJPA offers in the region is Shared Services.

In 2012, NJPA identified a common pain point among its regional membership: a need for professional services but not enough resources to attract/sustain part- or full-time help. The following year, NJPA launched its Shared Services program. NJPA employs professionals in a variety of fields. Instead of each city, township, county and school district hiring its own position, local leaders can tap into a high-quality, cost-effective labor pool and utilize the shared resources at 50 percent or better under the market rate.

Drange says regional members look to NJPA as a partner in helping them more effectively and efficiently meet the day-to-day needs of the people and students they serve.

“The Shared Services model is replicable,” Drange said. “It’s our hope that what we’re doing here in Central Minnesota will ignite conversations and inspire others across the country to establish similar programs.”

Throughout the U.S., and Canada, NJPA offers an innovative cooperative purchasing program. On behalf of its 50,000 public entity members, NJPA conducts competitive solicitations, awarding to the most responsive and responsible vendors at the manufacturer level. Members can purchase off these contracts through their local dealers, streamlining the procurement process, saving time, energy and money while shopping locally.

NJPA membership is free. Visit www.njpacoop.org to learn more and see all documentation of the 200+ awarded vendor contracts.

Notice of Intent to Establish Cass County Ordinance No. 2017-04 Cass County Buffer Ordinance

The Cass County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 11, 2017 time will be determined, the meeting will be held at the Cass County Land Department Meeting Room, Backus, MN and will be published on November 21st and 28th in the Pine Cone Press Citizen for the 1st reading of proposed Cass County Buffer Ordinance No. 2017-04.

1.0 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION AND POLICY

- 1.1 **Statutory authorization.** This buffer ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization and policies contained in Minn. Stat. §103F.48, the Buffer Law, and county planning and zoning enabling legislation in Minn. Stat. chapter 394.
- 1.2 **Purpose and intent.** It is the purpose and intent of Cass County to:
 - (a) Provide for riparian vegetated buffers and water quality practices to achieve the following purposes:
 - (1) Protect state water resources from erosion and runoff pollution;
 - (2) Stabilize soils, shores and banks; and
 - (3) Protect or provide riparian corridors.
 - (b) Coordinate the implementation and enforcement of the water resources riparian protection requirements of Minn. Stat. §103F.48 with the shoreland management rules and ordinances adopted under the authority of Minn. Stat. §103F.201 to 103F.227 and the management of public drainage systems established under Minn. Stat. chapter 103E where applicable; and
 - (c) Provide efficient and effective direction to landowners and protection of surface water quality and related land resources.

2.0 DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 2.1 **Definitions.** Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted to give them the same meaning they have in common usage and to give this ordinance its most reasonable application. For the purpose of this ordinance, the words “must” and “shall” are mandatory and not permissive. All distances, unless otherwise specified, are measured horizontally.
 - 2.1.2 “Buffer” has the meaning provided in Minn. Stat. §103F.48, subd. 1(c).
 - 2.1.3 “Buffer protection map” has the meaning provided in Minn. Stat. §103F.48, subd. 1(d) and which are available on the Department of Natural Resources website.
 - 2.1.4 “BWSR” means the Board of Water and Soil Resources.
 - 2.1.5 “Cultivation farming” means farming practices that disturb root or soil structure or that impair the viability of perennial vegetation due to cutting or harvesting near the soil surface.
 - 2.1.6 “Drainage authority” has the meaning provided in Minn. Stat. §103E.005, subd. 9.
 - 2.1.7 “Landowner” means the holder of the fee title, the holder’s agents or assigns, any lessee, licensee, or operator of the real property and includes all land occupiers as defined by Minn. Stat. §103F.401, subd. 7 or any other party conducting farming activities on or exercising control over the real property.
 - 2.1.8 “Parcel” means a unit of real property that has been given a tax identification number maintained by Cass County.
 - 2.1.9 “Public drainage system” has the meaning given to “drainage system” in Minn. Stat. §103E.005, subd. 12.
 - 2.1.10 “Local water management authority” has the meaning provided in Minn. Stat. §103F.48, subd. 1(g).
 - 2.1.11 “Normal water level” means the level evidenced by the long-term presence of surface water as indicated directly by hydrophytic plants or hydric soils or indirectly determined via hydrological models or analysis.
 - 2.1.12 “SWCD” means Soil and Water Conservation District.
 - 2.2 **Severability.** If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.
 - 2.3 **Data sharing/management.**
 - 2.3.1 Cass County may enter into arrangements with a SWCD, a watershed district if applicable, BWSR and other parties with respect to and alternative practices under this ordinance.
 - 2.3.2 Cass County will manage all such data in accordance with the Minnesota Data Practices Act and any other applicable laws.

3.0 JURISDICTION

- 3.1 **Jurisdiction.** The provisions of this ordinance apply to all waters located within its boundaries identified on the Department of Natural Resources Buffer Protection Map, including public drainage systems for which Cass County is not the drainage authority under Minn Statute §103E, if a watershed district has not elected jurisdiction under the Buffer Law.

4.0 BUFFER REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 **Buffer width.** Except as provided in subsection 4.4 and 4.5, a landowner owning property adjacent to a water body identified on the buffer protection map must establish and maintain a buffer area as follows:
 - (a) For waters shown on the buffer protection map requiring a fifty (50) foot width buffer, the buffer width will be fifty (50) foot average and thirty (30) foot minimum width as provided in Minn. Stat. §103F.48, subd. 3 and as measured according to subsection 4.2; and
 - (b) For waters shown on the buffer protection map requiring a sixteen and a half (16.5) foot minimum width buffer, the buffer width will be sixteen and a half (16.5) feet as provided in Minn. Stat. §103F.48, subd. 3 and as measured according to subsection 4.2.
- 4.2 **Measurement.**
 - (a) The width of any required buffer on land adjacent to a water requiring a fifty (50) foot average width and a thirty (30) foot minimum width buffer shall be measured from the top or crown of the bank. Where there is no defined bank, measurement must be from the edge of the normal water level as provided in Minn. Stat. §103F.48, subd. 3(c).
 - (b) The width of any required buffer on land adjacent to a water requiring a sixteen and a half (16.5) foot minimum width buffer shall be measured in the same manner as for measuring the vegetated grass strip under Minn. Stat. §103E.021, subd. 1 as provided in Minn. Stat. §103F.48, subd. 3(c).
- 4.3 **Use of buffer area.** Except as provided in sections 4.4 and 4.5 a buffer as defined in this ordinance may not be put to any use, included but not limited to cultivation farming, which would remove or prevent the permanent growth of perennial vegetation.
- 4.4 **Exemptions.** The requirement of section 4.1 does not apply to land that is exempted from the water resources riparian protection requirements under Minn. Stat. §103F.48, subd. 5.
- 4.5 **Alternative practices.** As provided in Minn. Stat. §103F.48, subd. 3(b) an owner of land that is used for cultivation farming may demonstrate compliance with subsection 4.1 by establishing and maintaining an alternative riparian water quality practice(s), or combination of structural, vegetative, and management practice(s) which provide water

quality protection comparable to the water quality protection provided by a required buffer as defined in sections 4.1 to 4.3. The adequacy of any alternative practice allowed under this section shall be based on:

- (a) The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG);
 - (b) Common alternative practices adopted and published by BWSR;
 - (c) practices based on local conditions approved by the SWCD that are consistent with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG); or
 - (d) Other practices adopted by BWSR.
- 4.6 **Grandfathering.** Where the provisions of any statute, other ordinance or regulation imposes greater restrictions than this ordinance, the provisions of such statute, other ordinance or regulation shall be controlling. Parcels grandfathered in for other preexisting land uses shall not be grandfathered in with respect to these provisions and with respect to compliance with the Buffer Law, Minn. Stat. & 103F.48.

5.0 COMPLIANCE DETERMINATIONS

- 5.1 **Compliance determinations.** Compliance with the buffer requirements set forth in section 4 will be determined by the SWCD on a parcel by parcel basis. The compliance status of each bank, or edge of a waterbody on an individual parcel will be determined independently.
- 5.2 **Investigation and notification of noncompliance.** When Cass County identifies a potential noncompliance with the buffer requirements or receives a third party complaint from a private individual or entity, or from another public agency, it will consult with the SWCD to determine the appropriate course of action to document compliance status. This may include communication with the landowner, inspection or other appropriate steps necessary to verify the compliance status of the parcel. On the basis of the evidence gathered in this process, the SWCD may issue a Notification of Noncompliance to Cass County. If the SWCD does not issue such a Notification, Cass County will not pursue a compliance or enforcement action under Minnesota Statute §103F.48 and subsection 6.2.

At any time during process set forth in 5.2 and 5.3, the landowner may provide documentation of compliance to the SWCD.

- 5.2.1 **Compliance determination.** The SWCD will evaluate the available documentation, and/or evaluate and/or inspect the buffer and/or alternative practices to determine if the parcel is in compliance. Upon completion of the evaluation and/or inspection the SWCD shall issue a written compliance determination to the landowner, Cass County and BWSR. The SWCD may also issue a Validation of Compliance if applicable and requested by the landowner.
- 5.3 **Corrective Action Notice.** On receipt of an SWCD Notification of Noncompliance, Cass County will issue the landowner a Corrective Action Notice that will:
 - (a) Include a list of corrective actions needed to come into compliance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. §103F.48;
 - (b) Provide a timeline for complying with the corrective action notice;
 - (c) Provide a compliance standard against which Cass County will judge the corrective action; and
 - (d) Failure to respond to this Notice may result in the assessment of criminal penalties.

Cass County shall transmit the corrective action notice by either personal service to the landowner or by depositing the same in the U.S. Mail. If service is made by U.S. mail, the document is deemed received three business days after the notice was placed in the U.S. mail. Failure of actual receipt of a corrective action notice that has either been personally served or served by depositing the same in the U.S. Mail shall not be deemed a defense in an enforcement proceeding under section 6.0. Cass County shall also send a copy of the Notice to the SWCD and BWSR. Cass County may modify the corrective actions and timeline for compliance, in accordance with section 5.2, to extend the compliance timeline for a modification that imposes a substantial new action or significantly accelerates the completion date for an action.

- 5.3.1 At any time after receipt of a corrective action notice, the landowner may provide documentation of compliance to Cass County. In addition, the landowner may supply information to Cass County or the SWCD in support of a request to modify a corrective action or the timeline for compliance. On the basis of any such submittal or at its own discretion, Cass County may make a written modification to the Corrective Action Notice or timeline for compliance. Cass County should also make a written determination documenting whether the noncompliance has been fully corrected. Any such modification of a compliance determination will be served on the landowner in the manner provided for in section 5.3. Cass County shall provide the SWCD and BWSR a written copy of any modification made pursuant to this provision.
- 5.3.2 The SWCD may, after an evaluation of the evidence documenting compliance submitted by the landowner, issue a written Validation of Compliance if requested by the landowner. Upon receipt by Cass County of a written compliance determination issued by the SWCD, the Corrective Action Notice will be deemed withdrawn for the purpose of section 6.0, and the subject property will not be subject to enforcement under that section.

A Notice of Noncompliance is not considered a final decision subject to appeal to BWSR. (Minn. Stat. §103F.48, subd. 9). Cass County may establish a local process to appeal a Corrective Action Notice. The time period for compliance and the initiation of a penalty should be put on hold while any appeal is pending.

6.0 ENFORCEMENT

ENFORCEMENT – Criminal Prosecution Only

- 6.1 **Failure to comply with a Corrective Action Notice:** issued under section 5 constitutes a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as defined by law.
- 6.2 **Reporting and documentation.** Cass County shall maintain the following records for any potential violation of the riparian protection and water quality practices requirements. Said records shall include but are not limited to the following:

- i. The cause of the violation;
- ii. The magnitude and duration of the violation;
- iii. Documentation showing whether the violation presents an actual or imminent risk to public health and safety;
- iv. Documentation showing whether the violation has the potential to harm the natural resources of the state;
- v. A record of past violations;
- vi. Efforts by the SWCD, Cass County, Watershed District or BWSR to assist the responsible party or parties to become compliant, including written and oral communications with the responsible party or parties; and
- vii. Past and present corrective action efforts by the responsible party or parties.

Copies of the referenced ordinances may be viewed during regular business hours at Cass County Environmental Services Department or on the Cass County website: <http://www.co.cass.mn.us/ordinances>
To submit written comments or obtain additional information contact the Cass County Environmental Services Department at (218) 547-7241.
/s/ Joshua Stevenson, Cass County Administrator

Public Notices

TODD COUNTY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE

Notice to the Public: on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, Todd County Historic Courthouse (215 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota) the Todd County Board of Commissioners will hold a County Fee Schedule Hearing to solicit public input in order to determine the upcoming 2018 County Fee Schedules for the County Departments including but not limited to: Administration, Attorney, Assessor, Auditor-Treasurer, GIS/MIS, Recorder, Planning & Zoning, Sheriff, Public Works, Health & Human Services, and Environmental Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer Clerk to the County Board
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NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Beware open water and thin ice. Aeration to occur on south shore along Lakeshore Drive beginning November 1, 2017 until April, 2018. For inquiries call 612-810-4200.

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To make an appointment to see Dawn, contact the Wadena Clinic at 218-631-3510 or the Sebeka Clinic at 218-837-5333.

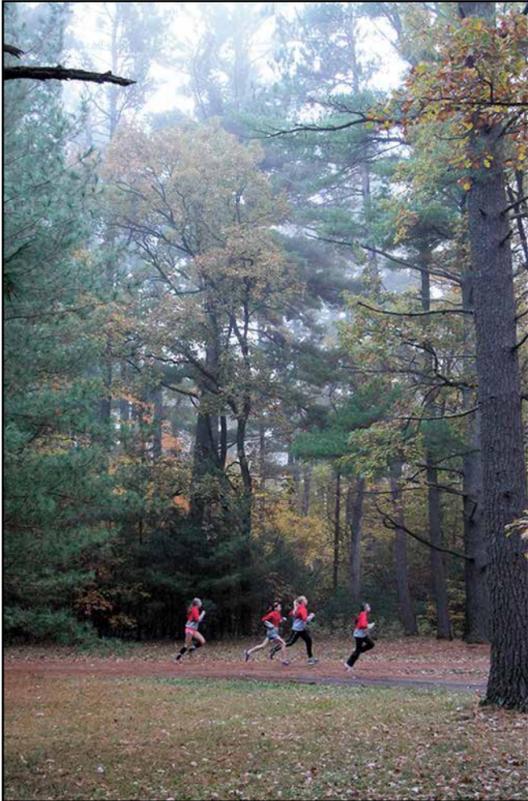


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Running through the forest in the fog

The Staples-Motley boys and girls cross country teams ran an early morning workout in the fog at Pine Grove Park on Oct. 7, creating some interesting forest scenery. The teams will run their section meet on Thursday, Oct. 26, at Long Prairie Country Club, starting at 4 p.m. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Police destroy 96 pounds of prescription drugs

On Oct. 17, Staples Police sent 96 pounds of prescription drugs to the incinerator to be destroyed. The prescription drug drop box is located in the entry way of the Staples Police Station, and is emptied periodically when it becomes full.

Other items on the Staples Police report:

On Oct. 17, Staples Police stopped a vehicle for loud music and issued a citation for driving after revocation.

On Oct. 18, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle that drove through a school bus stop arm when the lights were yellow. Police are investigating the incident.

On Oct. 18, Staples Police arrested Leonard Mousseau, 40, at the Sunset Motel for violating his conditions of release on a 1st degree narcotic sale out of Wadena County. Mousseau was transported to Aldrich where he was left in the custody of a Wadena County Deputy.

On Oct. 18, Staples Police were notified of an

out of control juvenile on the 1000 block of 4th Street NE. Police calmed the juvenile down and stood by until social services arrived.

On Oct. 19, Staples Police assisted Motley Police with a driver that was passed out at the intersection of Hwy 210 and 10 in Motley. Subsequently Chad Richer, 32, of Staples, was arrested for DUI and booked into the Morrison County Jail.

On Oct. 20, Staples Police responded to a domestic assault/suicidal subject in the city of Staples. The suicidal subject had left prior to the caller reporting the incident.

On Oct. 20, Staples Police received a report of a theft of money and cell phones.

On Oct. 21 Staples Police were advised of an assault that took place in the city of Staples. Police conducted a follow-up with the suspect in the assault. Reports will be forwarded for review at the Todd County Attorneys Office.



Community Connect

Around 150 participants gathered at Community Connect, a resource fair put on by Staples Motley Beyond Poverty. Attendees learned information on health care, housing, education, county services and other things available in the community. On the same day, the CARE Ministry's Great Coat Giveaway supplied around 200 coats.



Personal health and beauty at Community Connect

Left, Alex Brings gets his blood sugar tested by Staples Ambulance paramedic Danielle Card. At right, Linda Brown and Patty Jones show how much they like the new haircuts they got at the event. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Accident in Motley

A two-vehicle accident near the intersection of Hwy 210 and Hwy 10 in Motley Oct. 19, left one driver with non-threatening injuries. According to Minnesota State Patrol, Melissa Harris, 34, of Long Prairie was northbound on Hwy 10 and Daniel Kaufman, 39, of Wadena was southbound. Kaufman was driving a Chevy Silverado and Harris was driving a Ford Fusion. While making a left turn, Kaufman failed to yield and turned into the path of the oncoming vehicle driven by Harris. Harris was transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples and treated for non-life threatening injuries. Responders at the scene included Motley Police, Motley Fire and Rescue, Staples Ambulance. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Cardinals go to the air for important win

The Staples-Motley football team saved their best game of the season for their last regular season game. The Cardinals with a win over 8th ranked Pillager 20-12 on Oct. 18.

The keys to the win were defense and passing. The Cardinals attempted 45 passes, compared to just over 10 running plays, keeping Pillager off balance for much of the game. Quarterback Josh Lombard also scrambled for crucial yards on several plays.

Except for a couple of big plays, the Cardinals held the Pillager rushing attack for most of the game. "We were pleased with our effort throughout the night," said Coach Travis VanOverbeke. "Our game plan was adhered to on both sides of the ball and our boys made some great plays."

The first big play was a deep pass to Matt Fisher, who caught it falling down on the three yard line. Mason Nyhus followed that with a touchdown catch and a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

Dalton Holmberg ended the next Pillager drive with a sack on 3rd and eight.

The offense got going again with Griffin Webster making first down catches along with Nyhus getting the team down to the one yard line with a catch. After a penalty, it looked like the drive would stall, but on 4th and goal at the 15, the Cardinals pulled out a trick play that worked to perfection. Lombard hit Webster at the five yard line, and as the tacklers converged on him, he lateraled it to lineman Braden Tyrrell, who raced around the edge for the touchdown. Lombard kicked his second extra point and the Cardinals led 14-0.

Pillager scored quickly, but after a punt the Cardinal defense sparked another touchdown. Scout Strickland stopped a fourth down play, giving the Cardinals the ball back and Jordon Carlson took care of the rest, catching a pass around the 15 yard line and powering through two defenders to the end zone.

Staples-Motley took their 20-6 lead into halftime.

In the third quarter, Pillager scored again but the Cardinals stopped their extra point try when Holmberg, Tyrrell and Fisher teamed up for a point saving tackle.

The Cardinals went on a long drive and had an opportunity to put the game away, but fumbled at the three yard line.



Shredding the defense

Mason Nyhus evades Pillager defenders to earn extra yards after catching a pass. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Pillager had two more chances. Luke Schmieg stopped their first one by pressuring the quarterback into an errant throw on fourth down. On the next Pillager drive, Schmieg sacked the quarterback on third down, setting up a fourth down play that Holmberg and Tyrrell stopped short.

"We've discussed playing four complete quarters and the role that each player has on the team," said VanOverbeke. "This week our team truly bought in and played for each other."

The Cardinals made clutch plays when they needed them and converted eight of 16 third down attempts, several of them due to Lombard passing or running.

VanOverbeke said Lombard's great night was due to great blocking by the offensive line and running backs. "Our receivers did a nice job of sticking to the plan and giving Lombard clean opportunities," said VanOverbeke. "Defensively, our line had a tough task with speed and strength in front of them, but again, stuck to the plan to create opportunities for our linebackers and defensive backs."

He also said the seniors

played their best game as a unit.

Team results

Rushing: SM 48, P 263 - Cade Schmidt 8-33, Josh Lombard 11-17, Brayden Tyrrell 1-3, Dalton Hoemberg 2(-5)

Passing: Lombard 21-45, 258 yards, 2 TD

Receiving: Griffin Webster 7-105, Mason Nyhus 9-80, Jordon Carlson 4-78, Matt Fisher 1-29

Tackles: Braden Tyrrell 21, Schmidt 13, Hoemberg 11, Scout Strickland 6, Isaac Swendsrud 6, Webster 5, Kyle Serich 5, Isaac Kronenberg 3, Carlson 2, Fisher 2, Nyhus 2, Ryan Wick 2, Luke Schmieg 1

Playoff result

The Staples-Motley football team lost their Oct. 24 playoff game against Wadena, 42-20, ending their season. Details in next week's Staples World.



Catch and run

Jordon Carlson turns upfield on his way to the end zone.



Team tackle

From left, Ryan Wick, Braden Tyrrell, Scout Strickland and Mason Nyhus team up to bring down a runner.

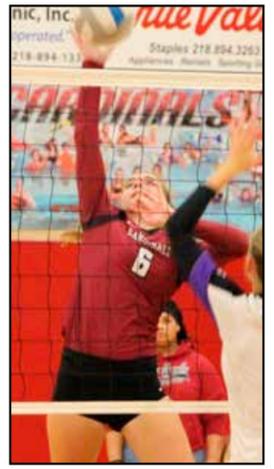
Volleyball team finishes regular season games

The Staples-Motley volleyball team only managed one split at the Upsala tournament on Oct. 19, falling 2-0 to Holdingford, Upsala and Walker-Hackensack-Akely, before splitting games with Milaca, 11-25, 25-21.

Camryn Banaka had 11 digs while Kiara Storry and Kayla Erbe each had five digs against Milaca to lead the team.

The Cardinals also lost 3-0 to Barnesville on Oct. 23, playing well defensively but lacking the offensive attack to keep up. Kiera Dumpprope led the team with four kills and Alix Peterson had three.

The Cardinals begin Section 8AA playoffs Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. at Pequot Lakes. The Cardinals are the seventh seed in the tournament and will play the second seed.



Setting up, knocking down

Left, Mackenna Bjerga sets the ball while Alex Davis runs around to get ready for the spike. Alix Peterson leaps for a spike. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Swimmers have multiple winners in dual meet

The Staples-Motley swimming and diving team had multiple winners in a dual meet with Perham on Oct. 23, but they couldn't match the depth of Perham and ended up on the short

end of a 101-77 loss.

First place finishes included: the medley relay team of Emily Veronen, Lili Schneider, Autumn Nelsen and Aleeah Halverson; Halverson won the

50 freestyle, Nelsen won the 100 butterfly, Schneider won the 100 freestyle and 100 breaststroke and Veronen won the 100 backstroke and 500 freestyle.

Second place finishes included: Adriana Dickey, 200 individual medley, Evelyn Gonzalez in diving with her best score of 107.85., 400 Free Relay; Veronen, Halverson, Dickey, and Schneider.

Third place finishers were: Joelle Bounds in the 200 freestyle, Emma Gerard in the 50 freestyle, Halverson in the 100 freestyle, and the 200 freestyle relay of Nelsen, Gerard, Jaden Engebretsen and Bounds.

The Cardinals will compete in the Mid State Conference meet at Detroit Lakes on Friday, Oct. 27. They travel to U of M-Morris, Thursday, Nov. 9, for the section meet.

"I'm very excited to see what these girls accomplish when they put their mind to it," said Coach Amanda Olson.



Mid air acrobatics

Evelyn Gonzalez flips during the diving competition. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

What to do about road ditches?

On a recent drive over the network of county roads that leads to the family cabin, my wife and I watched a pair of tractors pulling large mowers, hugging the sloping ditch that borders the asphalt. In their wake was a fresh-cut carpet lying flat to the ditch contour, a head of them standing greenery that reached almost to the hubs of the tractors' rear wheels.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

It was one of those moments when two people think the same thing at exactly the same time. "Why are those guys mowing the ditch?" my wife asked. "Just what I was thinking," I answered. Of course I've long been aware that road ditches are routinely mowed, but I still found myself asking the rhetorical question "why?" I answered her by saying that the practice has been going on for generations, that it provides a paying job for county or state employees and that mowing might improve visibility for motorists in some situations.

I also told her that farmers in some places mow the ditches to provide hay for their cattle, though there are no cattle farms near where we happened to be driving. Then there is the point that road ditches can harbor noxious or invasive

weeds that have to be controlled. But with the selective and broad-spectrum weed control chemicals in use on farms and lawns these days, you don't hear much of that argument.

Simply put, my wife and I were struck by the fact that ditch mowing here seemed to have no pressing purpose. Perhaps mowing a narrow strip at the very top of the shoulder might improve visibility on sharp curves; especially if one were driving a vehicle that positions the driver close to the pavement, like in a grand prix race car. But certainly it seemed that the expanse of grassy slope from the road to the forest edge of oaks and pines posed no driving or other hazard.

"Wouldn't it be better for wildlife if it was left uncut?" she asked. The answer to that is usually "yes," though the varieties of wildlife that benefit depends on where you happen to be. That, and also when the cutting is done. Cutting late in the year, after most nesting is done, is better than cutting early. Ground nesting songbirds, like meadowlarks, hermit thrushes, juncos and some sparrows, benefit from uncut ditches. Pheasants, and even some ground-nesting ducks - teal, for instance - will make use of grassy road ditches, especially where fence-line-to-fence-line "clean" farming leaves little in the way of other cover.

Though few of us think about them, the most universal beneficiaries of uncut ditches are pollinators, which - in addition to the flowering plants found in

ditches - also pollinate fruit, vegetable and forage crops, like the alfalfa that farmers and ranchers feed to cattle. Most often thought of - and probably the most efficient pollinators - are members of the bee family. But a certain amount of pollination is done by butterflies and moths, flies, wasps and ants; even crawling insects, like beetles.

The state's farmers also have an interest in ditches. In many areas farmers cut the grasses that grow in the road ditches as feed for their cattle. This practice can be especially widespread in years when there are shortages of farm-grown forage; drought conditions come first to mind.

There apparently has long been a state law on the books requiring farmers to obtain a permit before cutting forage in ditches along state-controlled highways. A permit is generally not needed for mowing ditches along many county and township roads. Along state highways where the ditches are privately owned, but the state has an easement to manage, farmers also don't need permits.

Only within the last year or so has the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), the permitting agency, moved to enforce this law. A MnDOT spokesperson recently interviewed said the reason the agency has begun enforcing the law is chiefly to control the timing of ditch mowing to protect wildlife when they're most vulnerable. Wildlife and those pollinator species, too, the spokesperson added.

Though there are few

farmers in the Minnesota Legislature, the current majority - some say more sensitive to limiting regulatory burdens than to environmental priorities - has blocked MnDOT's ability to require these free-of-charge permits. Blocked for now, until May of 2018. Over the next month there'll be a series of meetings in seven different locations in Minnesota to discuss the permit issue, and what should be proper procedures for farmers to exercise the right - or perhaps more accurately, the privilege - to cut forage along state-regulated roads.

One of those few farmers in the Minnesota Legislature, one instrumental in the Legislature temporarily blocking MnDOT's authority, was quoted as describing the agency's plan to begin requiring the permits as an example of "out-of-touch bureaucrats." Perhaps MnDOT's being out-of-touch has more to do with not enforcing the law for many years, rather than the agency's decision to start enforcing it now. MnDOT can rightfully be blamed for being an enabler, and by its inaction encouraging the cutting of ditches without following the permit process the agency was responsible for enforcing.

One can certainly sympathize with farmers. For most, it's not a get-rich-quick profession. Or a get-rich-ever profession, for that matter. But a reasonable amount of regulation that takes into account not only their needs, but the needs and preferences of others - including wildlife - may not be too much to ask.



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HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE: NEW Fall and Christmas décor. *A Girl's Afternoon Delight* Sunday, Oct. 29, 1 to 4 p.m. Located: 316 Gold LN., Motley (behind BRICKS) Ph. 218-866-0601. Bring friends. Find out how you can get any item at half price. See decorating tips and ideas. Shop for your holiday decorating/gift giving. DRAWING: **One lucky guest will get FREE merchandise of their choice** Free coffee, apple cider/ goodies. ssw43p

SUNDAY, OCT. 29: Fall chicken and roast pork loin dinner Sacred Heart Church, Staples. **ALSO:** bazaar, bake and plant sale, Bingo/raffle drawing at the school. All events 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 41-43p

SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT
202 Childcare
Verndale Area Christian Academy New Child Care opening January 2018. Openings for children ages 6 weeks-5 yrs. Inquires for child care: 218-838-3789 ask for Renee or Larry. 42-44p

205 Help Wanted
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Verndale Area Christian Academy New Child Care opening January 2018. Jobs available for FT & PT infant, toddler and preschool age. Must have qualifications according to Rule 3 MN state license. Send resume to: VACA 402 NE Clark Dr., Verndale, MN 56481. 42-44p

COOKS & BARTENDERS: Friendly Inn, Motley. Apply in person or call 218-575-3295. 42-43c

WASHER/TIRE PERSON. Apply in person Big Boyz, Hwy. 10 W. Motley. 42-44c

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Direct questions to: Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator at jnelsen@ci.staples.mn.us or 218-894-2550.

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309 Miscellaneous
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501 Miscellaneous
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MOTLEY: 2 bdrm. near grocery store & post office avail. Nov. 1. Heat, water, garbage incl. No pets, \$475/mo. 218-330-2631. 43p

STAPLES: Downtown, 1-2 bdrm., recently remodeled, NO pets, non smoking. 218-894-3108. 6tfc

603 Houses for Rent
STAPLES: 1 bdrm. in 4 bdrm. house. Shared living area, laundry, split between renters, garbage sv, utilities. \$200/mo, \$100 dep. 218-839-5461, 218-296-6134. 41-43p

MOTLEY: 4 bdrm., single car garage. \$650/ mo. 218-639-1425. 40tfc

STAPLES: Small 2 bdrm., \$500/mo.+utilities, detached, single car garage. 218-894-2284. 35tfc

605 Mobile Homes for Rent
MOTLEY: 3 bdrm., large, private lot, storage shed, \$600/mo. + utilities, deposit. Background checked. 218-296-2511. 43p

STAPLES: In Oak Ridge Park, 1 ba., \$500/mo. 218-894-2284. 32tfc

STAPLES: Three bdrm., 2 ba., Pine Ridge Park. 218-894-2284. 31tfc

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Renovations completed at Pillager Area Food Shelf Public invited to open house Nov. 2

An open house will be held at the newly renovated Pillager Area Food Shelf on Thursday, Nov. 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Betty Doss, Pillager Family Center Director, said that they are very excited about the changes at the food shelf and hope a lot of people will attend the open house. "We would love to show you the improvements for our local food shelf service delivery for our community members."

The renovations were made possible by grants from Second Harvest Agency Capacity Building Program (Grand Rapids), Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless (Minneapolis) and an anonymous grantor.

The Pillager Family Center has been providing services and resources in the Pillager community since 1994. Their mission is, 'Empowering and strengthening families to build a strong Pillager community.' The Pillager Family Center is a 501(c)3 organization and has met the Charities Review Council Standards as a trustworthy organization.

This summer, the Pillager Family Council remodeled the food shelf and changed the way they deliver service. "We have designated part of the Family Center space for the food shelf by adding shelving and a freezer and cooler in order to offer more protein, produce and dairy products; and so families can

self-shop," Doss said, adding, "We also purchased an outdoor freezer and cooler in order to buy in bulk and have plenty of these items on hand, providing healthier choices for families. This gives us the ability to receive more food donations."

In the past, Doss noted, a family would fill out a form listing family members and a food shelf staff person or volunteer would go in the back room and fill bags of food based on the family information. Now, families can see what is available and shop for what is best for their family.

The Pillager Area Food Shelf is located in the Pillager City Hall building, 305 Fir Ave. West. Use the south entrance. For more

information, call 218-746-4009.

Regular food shelf hours are Thursdays from noon - 5 p.m.

More shelving, new cooler

The newly renovated food shelf in Pillager features added shelving, as well as a new cooler and freezer. An open house to celebrate these changes will be held Thursday, Nov. 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Submitted photo)



Law enforcement reports

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

Oct. 6 - 9 - The MPD received a call regarding suspicious activity at the 200 block of 3rd Ave. So., Motley.

Oct. 18 - The MPD responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Hwy 210 in Motley.

Oct. 18 - The MPD received a report of fraud from a Motley resident. The complainant stated that someone had stolen a check from her checkbook and wrote it out for \$245 to someone she didn't know.

Oct. 17 - The MPD issued a citation to Deion Anderson, 20, for driving after revocation.

Oct. 16 - 17 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Geramy Hopson, 31; and Nathan Asmus, 41.

Oct. 16 - The MPD received a report that someone had stolen about 10 of the triangle markers on the air field near 1218 Hwy 10 So. in Motley. The markers are owned by the state.

Oct. 14 - The MPD responded to a report of illegal burning by residents of an apartment building on the 900 block of Hwy 10 So. in Motley. The responding officer arrived at the scene and found a female and two males sitting outside with a good-sized fire burning. He observed that a mattress had already been burned and several other furniture items. The female stated that she didn't know burning furniture was not allowed. The offi-

cer instructed the party to get some hoses and extinguish the fire immediately, which they did. They were also told to have the materials picked up and taken to the dump the following Monday.

Oct. 13 - The MPD arrested Brenna May, 25, following a traffic stop on Hwy 10 in Motley. The driver, May, was issued a citation for small amount of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia and advised further charges may ensue.

Oct. 13 - The MPD received a report of stolen furniture at a residence on the 1000 block of Hwy 10 So. in Motley. Complainant said that he had received a couch and a recliner from his brother and placed them in front of his garage. He had intended to get them into the garage sooner, but was unable to. He thinks someone may have stopped and taken the items believing them to be free.

Oct. 13 - The MCSO was asked by the St. Cloud Police Dept. to contact the registered owner of a vehicle involved in a hit and run incident. The MCSO responded to the RO's address in Cushing and spoke with the person who stated he had sold the vehicle approximately six months ago. He stated that he had a phone number for the new owner but couldn't remember his name.

Oct. 13 - The MCSO paged out Scandia Valley Fire Department for a garage that was on fire next to a house at the 3000 block of Bluebird Rd., Cushing.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE, Staples 218-894-1546
Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaag
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
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WEDNESDAY
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Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
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Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

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Phone 218-746-3839
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church 218-445-5668
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Prayer 8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship 8:45 a.m.
Worship 9:10 and 11:00 a.m.
Prayer or Life Groups 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m. Ministry Groups/Bible study

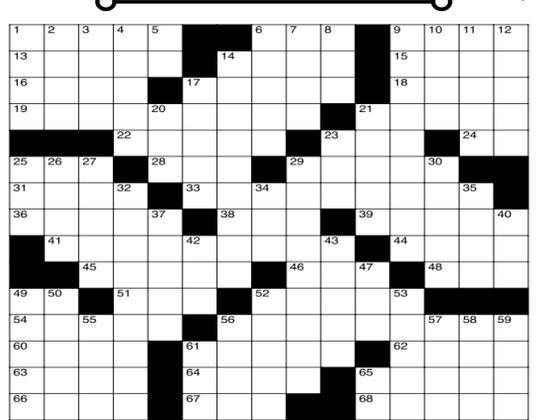
Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night 5:30 p.m.

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.

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. River herrings
 - 6. Body art (slang)
 - 9. Taxis
 - 13. Covered with asphalt
 - 14. Mineral found in granite
 - 15. Assist
 - 16. Handled
 - 17. Not drunk
 - 18. Home to a famous tower
 - 19. Songs
 - 21. A way to designate
 - 22. More infrequent
 - 23. Medical man
 - 24. Tellurium
 - 25. Cycles/second
 - 28. Neither
 - 29. Home to a famous tower
 - 31. Former Ravens tight end Todd
 - 33. One who helps
 - 36. Tries to persuade
 - 38. Israeli city ___ Aviv
 - 39. Political distance (abbr.)
 - 41. Emergency first aid
 - 44. Canadian law enforcers
 - 45. Fathers
 - 46. Drain of resources
 - 48. An awkward stupid person
 - 49. Home of the Wolverines
 - 51. Chinese
 - 52. Gives a hoot
 - 54. Emancipation
 - 56. "Sam Malone"
 - 60. Horses do this
 - 61. Hillsides
 - 62. River in Florence
 - 63. Republic of Ireland
 - 64. Lapse
 - 65. Blenished
 - 66. Backside
 - 67. Woman (French)
 - 68. An edict of the Russian tsar
 - 12. Not fresh
 - 14. Presides over
 - 17. Astronomical period
 - 20. Harding's self-proclaimed mistress
 - 21. Nocturnal primate
 - 23. Patriotic American women
 - 25. Vietnamese river
 - 26. Suspect
 - 27. Heroic tales
 - 29. Fences of wooden stakes
 - 30. Venzetti's partner
 - 32. Outermost parts of an area
 - 34. Type of student gene
 - 35. Noncoding RNA
 - 37. Frocks
 - 40. Sunscreen rating
 - 42. Opposite of women
 - 43. Needed to play games
 - 47. A partner to carrots
 - 49. Absolute
 - 50. Disgraced French aristocrat
 - 52. End
 - 53. Food eaten between meals
 - 55. Cold wind
 - 56. Streetcar
 - 57. Soluble ribonucleic acid
 - 58. Singles
 - 59. Intersecting point
 - 61. Beats per minute
 - 65. Gold
 - 11. Threaten persistently
- Answers
- Week 43

"Why we should pray"

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."

Luke 18:1



It is possible to live a virtuous life by simply adhering to the universal rules of morality which every moral philosophy and religion dictates: Be honest, respect other's property, help each other when they are in need, etc. But it is not possible to live a godly life without prayer, for without prayer we lack that openness to the experience of God which is required if we are to be true Christians. God's grace is abundant,

but it cannot be given without being asked for; grace must be freely asked for and freely given. This can only happen through sincere and heartfelt prayer. Over and over again we see throughout the Bible that God's chosen ones come to him on bent knees with prayer and supplication. The godly call upon God in their time of need whereas the godless rely upon their own strength. Prayer, at bottom, is nothing more than a spirit of openness to what God is telling us, but it is also a conversation, with us asking God for help, and thanking Him for his many gifts to us.

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