



CLC Field Day

(Photo by Mark Anderson)

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Weather

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This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 8	73°	53°	Sunny
Sept. 9	75	54	M. Sunny
Sept. 10	75	56	Sunny
Sept. 11	74	56	M. Cloudy
Sept. 12	72	53	Sunny
Sept. 13	69	51	Showers
Sept. 14	68	59	Showers

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 8	51°	39°	Sunny
Sept. 9	52	34	Sunny
Sept. 10	50	32	Sunny
Sept. 11	61	37	Cloudy
Sept. 12	69	53	Cloudy
Sept. 13	70	61	Sunny
Sept. 14	68	50	Sunny

Average Temps:

H = 73° Low = 52°

Compiled by

Dale Hausmann,

WCCO's Staples area

Weatherwatcher



Ag instructor award

Joe Ramstad receives his award from Jessica Daberkow, MAAE and MnACTE President and Heron Lake Okabena Agriculture Instructor/FFA Advisor. (Submitted photo)

Ramstad receives award for teaching innovation

The Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators (MAAE) recently awarded Joe Ramstad from the Staples Motley Agriculture Education Program with the Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators Teacher Turn the Key Award. A goal of MAAE/NAAE is to encourage young teachers to remain in the profession and to encourage and recognize participation in professional activities.

The state award nominees were announced in July at the Summer MAAE Conference held in Moorhead. Each State Award winner will represent Minnesota within the Region III competition, made up of six states. Joe was selected

to represent Region III and Minnesota and will participate in a week-long professional development workshop and will be recognized at the National Association of Agricultural Educators Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana November 29-30.

On Dec 4, 2021, Joe was also selected to represent Region III NAAE as their Ideas Unlimited award recipient. The ideas unlimited award recognizes teachers for developing and sharing innovative ideas. Joe will present his lesson plan on "Hue Know Your Value: Exploring Soil Color and Formation" at the NAAE Conference.

Agriculture programs See **RAMSTAD** on page 3a

Partners celebrate 'Sota Grown kale pod

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Every speaker at the 'Sota Grown experimental growing pod praised the extraordinary partnerships that pulled the project together. Multiple agencies in the fields of education, energy and health played a role in the project.

The pod was brought to the Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center in Staples in 2020. The project grows kale to learn about indoor food production using efficient electricity,

technology and plant sciences. The container averages 20 pounds of kale each week to be distributed by Lakewood Health System's "Food Farmacy" program that feeds more than 600 people monthly.

The ribbon cutting was delayed until this year, which gave the participating agencies a chance to note how it is working so far in their different perspectives.

CLC President Dr. Hara Charlier touted "all the

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Joerger takes Staples Motley tradition to NBA

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

NBA coach David Joerger is looking forward to his return to Staples on Sept. 11. He will be inducted into the Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame at the 7 p.m. ceremony, but first will talk about some of his experiences in the NBA at a special event starting at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

Joerger was most excited to talk about his high school days and the traditions of Staples-Motley sports.

"It's such an honor to be named to the Hall of Fame," said Joerger. "With all the great athletes that have come from there, all the great coaches, it's very humbling to be a part of it."

Joerger said his high school career was built on the shoulders of many great athletes and teams that came before him.

"The tradition of athletics we had in the '80s was so



Meet the coach

Staples native David Joerger speaks to the press after an NBA playoff game. He will have a different speaking opportunity on Sept. 11 at 2:30 in Staples with his "Life in the NBA" program at Centennial Auditorium.

strong. It was started in the '70s and you grew up with that and wanted to uphold that tradition of excellence," he said.

Joerger took his basketball team to the state tournament and he was also a

state tennis champion. He remembers other areas of the school that shared that level excellence.

"It was certainly more than athletics, we had a lot of other things going on. See **JOERGER** on page 3a

CEC Conference explores how to transform a community

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Staples is about to host a creative conference for people who want to improve their community.

"Connecting with entrepreneurial people and ideas can be transformative for a community," said Neil Linscheid, University of Minnesota Extension educator who is helping put on the Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC) Conference in Staples Sept. 9-10. The sessions start at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9 and the last one will conclude around noon on Friday, Sept. 10.

Linscheid said that Extension research shows when communities intentionally connect entrepreneurs with resources, they can build a supportive community culture around entrepreneurship.

"Entrepreneurs often see how things could be in their community and industry, and then they take action," said Linscheid. "Sometimes people with great ideas need support in making those ideas a reality."

Staples was chosen to host the conference after a competitive application process. The conference is held in a different city each year but this one was delayed a year due to the pandemic.

"It was easy to see that the Staples local team is

passionate about their work and eager to highlight Staples's great things," said Linscheid. "Staples is also an excellent community to host a conference because it has the amenities, facilities, and community support for an event like this."

Many of the presenters for the conference are from Staples. The keynote sessions will be at Sourcewell in Staples with multiple breakout sessions at Los Corrales restaurant, Staples Library, Timberlake Hotel and Central Lakes College in Staples.

"People will really get a chance to understand Staples and the entrepreneurs that live there," said Linscheid.

The first keynote presentation will feature how two hospitality businesses, Drastic Measures Brewery (Wadena) and 3 Cheers Hospitality (Baxter), responded creatively to COVID-19. The closing keynote will feature how the Central Lakes College Farm Business Management program is supporting emerging entrepreneurs across the region.

"All the sessions focus on a different aspect of supporting entrepreneurs in communities," said Linscheid.

This year's conference will include a hybrid format with some attendees viewing online. Panel discussions will include feedback from innovative members

of the Launch Minnesota Network.

Curiosity

Entrepreneurs, small business owners, economic development officials, and elected officials all attended the previous CEC Conference.

"The thing that ties our attendees and presenters together is their interest in understanding what they can do in their community to support entrepreneurs," said Linscheid. "People attend the conference to learn what's working in other communities and share what's working in their community to support entrepreneurs. It's the curiosity that most defines the people that attend the conference."

Linscheid said feedback from the previous CEC Conference was extremely positive. The sessions, format and networking were all rated highly in participant evaluations.

"People leave the conference with new ideas for things they can try in their community to better support entrepreneurs," said Linscheid.

Anyone interested in attending the conference can contact Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman at mwyman@ci.staples.mn.us or call 218-894-2250.

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Staples boy determined not to let ASD stop him



With his football hero

Noah Larson of Staples (left) posed for a photo with Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones at a football camp he attended this past July. Larson, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder, is determined to not let his disability stop him. (Submitted photo)



Playing defense

At a football camp in Green Bay, Wisc., Aaron Jones (right), running back for the Green Bay Packers, played defense during a drill with Noah Larson of Staples preparing to catch the ball. (Submitted photo)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Fourteen-year-old Noah Larson of Staples is passionate about his hashtag, #asdowntostopme (ASD Won't Stop Me).

Upon meeting the six-ft.-plus boy with the big smile, firm handshake and athletic build, it's hard to imagine that anything could keep him from achieving his goals. But, that was not always so.

Noah was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) when he was just three years old. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. There is often nothing about how people with ASD look that sets them apart from other people, but people with ASD may communicate, interact, behave, and learn in ways that are different from most other people. The learning, thinking, and problem-solving abilities of people with ASD can range from gifted to severely challenged. Some people with ASD need a lot of help in their daily lives; others need less."

The youngest of four children born to Cam and Trisha Larson, Noah was a sweet boy, but his mom

said they knew something was wrong when he hadn't spoken a word by the age of three. The medical diagnosis confirmed that their son had autism.

From that moment on, the Larsons did all they could to learn about ASD and how they could best help their son succeed, including breaking down the boundaries that others perceived to set for him. Noah went through intense speech therapy during those early years, Trisha said, adding that he didn't speak somewhat clearly until he was five.

"We are his support system and cheerleaders, 100 percent," Trisha said of their family. But, as time went on, it was Noah himself who became his staunchest advocate. When he was told he would never play in organized sports (because people with autism often have difficulty with social interaction), Noah, a sports enthusiast, set out to prove them wrong.

He started playing football when he was in second grade, Noah said, adding that his family was living in Nebraska at that time. In 2015, the Larsons moved back to Staples, the town where Noah had been born. He continued to hone his athletic skills, playing baseball, basketball and football whenever he had the opportunity. Basketball and foot-

ball are his favorites, Noah said.

"I usually play tight end or defensive tackle," Noah said of his role on the football team. He loves playing football as well as watching it. He went on to share that his favorite football players are Aaron Jones, DaVante Adams and Jimmy Graham. He's got favorite basketball players, too, Noah said, going on to name Stephen Curry and Giannis Antetokounmpo. They're his heroes.

Knowing her son's passion for football, Trisha signed him up for the Aaron Jones Football Pro-Camp in Green Bay, Wisc. Noah was part of the VIP program, which meant he had the opportunity to do one vs. one plays with Jones. "I caught a couple of balls with him," Noah said.

Like his mom, who grew up in the Green Bay area, Noah is a true Packers fan, which made the experience that much more special.

"It was a really good camp," Noah said, going on to describe his interactions with Jones. He smiled, recalling the famous Packer saying to him, 'Good catch,' during a one vs. one time.

She never told the camp that Noah was autistic, Trisha said, going on to say how proud she was of all Noah accomplished during the camp. It made her day to hear the coaches call her

son 'a leader.'

When asked what the coaches meant by that, Noah answered, "It means being a good sport...telling the other players when they're doing a good job...giving 'high fives.'"

Noah is quite smart, Trisha said of her boy, mentioning that he's been in mainstream classes since third grade, and on the honor roll for five consecutive years.

Their family is so thankful for the coaches at Staples-Motley who've coached Noah in the past, and those currently working with him. "We truly appreciate it," Trisha said of those who have taken the time to learn how to coach a kid with ASD.

His long-term goal is to get a Division 1 scholarship, Noah said. He'd like to go to Michigan State and be the first ASD person to play basketball and football.

He has every day goals, too, Noah went on. "To be a good helper...to help the coaches any way I can...to be a good sport and to be humble," are some of the things the 14-year-old said he tries to do.

Above all else, Noah's message to himself and others is to never give up. He flashes a grin and quotes his hashtag on the way out the door, "ASD won't stop me."

Pursuit in Motley leads to arrest

The Motley Police Dept. (MPD) arrested Tiana Jolene Froemel, 22; and Ashley Marie Ballentine, 20, following a traffic stop in Motley Aug. 27

According to the report, one of the passengers and the driver switched spots when their vehicle stopped at Countryside Restaurant in Motley, and the new driver took off from the stop.

The MPD initiated a pursuit and a Morrison County deputy used a tire deflation device to bring the car to a stop. Both drivers were taken into custody. During a search of their vehicle, drugs and a handgun were located. The MPD was assisted by the MCSO, Little Falls Police Department and the Minnesota State Patrol.



Open house held for back-to-school

Staples-Motley School district held an open house Sept. 1 for elementary and middle/high school students who were welcome to drop off their school supplies,

find lockers and meet their teachers. Above: Mary Moen, Staples-Motley Elementary music teacher greeted students. Right: Face painting was offered in the elementary gym.

The first day of school for grades 1-12 was Sept. 7. The first day of school for kindergartners is Sept. 9. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



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Life in NBA has ups and downs, wins and losses

great band, choir, speech, all those activities,” said Joerger. “It was a very successful small town.”

Joerger said one of the keys was the close-knit community who supported the activities.

“You knew everyone and you don’t want to let anyone down,” he said.

While small town achievements are one thing, Joerger never imagined his journey from Staples could lead to the NBA.

“It’s not something you think about when you are 17 or 18 years old,” he said.

He played college basketball at Minnesota-Moorhead and got started in coaching with the Dakota Wizards of the Continental Basketball Association, a minor league professional team. He also worked with the Cedar Rapids River Raiders and Sioux Falls Skyforce. His teams won five minor league championships before he was asked to be an assistant coach for the Memphis Grizzlies in 2007. In 2013, he became head coach at Memphis and

moved on to coach the Sacramento Kings in 2016. This past year he has been assistant coach with the Philadelphia 76ers.

While the spectacle and glamour of the NBA is something fans love to see, Joerger said it takes a lot of work for coaches behind the scenes.

“There are a lot of hard parts to it, you’re gone 110 nights a year,” he said, “there are wins and losses but the upside is overwhelmingly positive.”

Joerger has coached some of the top big men in the NBA, including Zach Randolph, Mark Gasol, DeMarcus Cousins and now Joel Embiid. Some of the other top players he has coached include Mike Conley, Vince Carter and De’Aaron Fox.

Joerger and his family live in Aberdeen, South Dakota. One daughter is a sophomore in high school and another is starting college at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, where she plans to play volleyball and run track.



Life in the NBA

David Joerger, right, with Philadelphia 76ers coach Doc Rivers.

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Next generation ag leaders

prepare students for high-demand careers in cutting edge industries like biotechnology, renewable energies, engineering, food production and more. They also teach students how to be leaders and prepare them to take on the challenges of the next generation.

The Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators is an organization of teachers of agriculture at the high school, post-secondary and adult levels who seek to advance agricultural education in Minnesota. The MAAE strives to provide leadership opportunities, service, and advocacy for its members.

COVID increasing in Staples area

With 15 new COVID-19 cases, Staples became a hot spot for the disease in the week ending Sept. 2. The Wadena zip code showed 13 new cases.

Recent statistics show that 75 percent of new cases in Minnesota are related to the delta variant of COVID-19, which is considered more transmissible and can

have harsher effects.

Despite the presence of the delta variant, the number of deaths in the area continues to be low, with two COVID-19 deaths reported in Cass County since July 8 and none in any of the other area counties, Todd, Wadena and Morrison.

75 Years Ago - 1946

• Sept. 5, 1946 - State, Todd county and Staples city officials are still investigating the death of Norman Lee Rosholt, 32, of Grand Forks, N.D., whose body was found in a partly loaded coal gondola in the Staples railroad yards about 11:30 Tuesday morning of this week.

Deputy coroner Dr. C. F. Reichelderfer was called to the Northern Pacific Yards in Staples Tuesday morning when the body was first discovered and he, with Chief of Police Jesse Marr, Carl E.

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

Thompson and T. A. Gregory, conducted the first investigation before the body was moved from the car, and it was decided there that the young man had met his death by foul play in some manner.

There were two skull fractures, a battered jaw and loosened teeth, indicating that he had evidently been hit with some blunt instrument, which had caused his death.

• Sept. 5, 1946 - New cases of polio seem to be developing in Todd county since the last report was given to The World, and as of Wednesday morning of this week, a total of 17 cases were listed by county officials.

One new case, or possible case has developed in Staples, and that is of Sandra Sellnow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Sellnow. Under observation at the present time, it is thought by her attending physician that it is polio, but no definite word or decision has been made as yet.

• Sept. 5, 1946 - At the last meeting of the Knights of Columbus of the Staples council, Sam Skaife, prominent druggist of Staples, was installed as Grand Knight of the organization. Mr. Skaife was installed by District Deputy Ralph Ebner of Wadena, who was present for the meeting.

Other officers elected to the council were Chaplain, Fr. Falque; Deputy Grand Knight, John Lorenzen; Chancellor, Ed Phalen; Recorder, Robert Blessing; Financial Secretary, John Griep; Treasurer, Bernard Blessing; Advocate, E.J. DesMarais; Warden, Norman Wilhelmson.

50 Years Ago - 1971

• Sept. 9, 1971 - A total of 2507 students are attending classes in the Staples school system during the 1971-72 term, school officials said last week.

This marks an increase of 108 over the opening week of school classes last year, when the announced enrollment was 2399.

The total enrollment figure, which is a record high for the local system, includes students in the

Staples Elementary school, Lincoln Model Nongraded school, the Kindergarten classes, Staples high school, Sacred Heart Parochial school and the Staples Area Vocational-Technical school.

• Sept. 9, 1971 - Twofaculty members at the Motley high school have been selected as Leaders of American Secondary Education for 1971, R. G. Berg, Motley superintendent, announced.

They are H. Lyle Jones, high school principal, and Verde Pepin, business education teacher.

• Sept. 9, 1971 - The Student Council at Staples high school was organized last week following the election of the various representatives from the social studies classes.

Mike Roberts is the president of the council, with Lori Fearing as the vice-president and Janelle Reese as the secretary-treasurer. These three officers were chosen by the student body in an election last May.

Chosen as home room representatives were Brian Baustian, Kevin Olsen, Steve Hoemberg, Ron Kern, Karin Pipek, Susette Jay, Kathy Jay, Patti Fearing, Rick Pohl, Gayle Neal, Mark Evans, Audrey Macho, Jerry Stone, Kim Sadusky, Karen Sellnow, Jeanne Hesse, Bill Backberg, Jacki Thorn, Paulette Goeden and Mary Goff.

25 Years Ago - 1996

• Sept. 5, 1996 - Employees of the Staples Motley School district who reached 25 years of employment this year were honored Aug. 28 at a pre-school workshop. They included Kaye Pettit, language arts instructor; Elaine Klose, elementary instructor; Huck Holst, transportation director; Susan Casper, elementary instructor; Joe Joerger, secondary instructor; and Olivia DeGeest, elementary instructor.

• Sept. 5, 1996 - A rural Motley man was still in critical condition Tuesday following a one-vehicle accident near Lincoln.

Joshua Stewart, 21, was in the intensive care unit at North Memorial Hospital, according to a hospital spokesperson.

The Todd County Sheriff’s Department reported Stewart was the driver of a vehicle that went off the roadway and rolled early Sunday morning. The accident happened on Adamek Road about three miles northwest of Lincoln. Stewart was ejected from the vehicle, a 1990 Ford pickup, according to the sheriff’s department. A passenger, Joshua Hoffman, 18, also of rural Motley, was treated and released at Greater Staples Hospital.

• Sept. 5, 1996 - A front page photo features Staples Motley receiver Mark Carlson stretching out in a valiant but unsuccessful effort to catch a pass from

quarterback Jamie Nichols. His efforts, like those of his team, were just a little short in the 21-19 loss to Long Prairie-Grey Eagle last Thursday. This play was one of several long pass attempts in the last seconds of the game as the Cards sought to break a 13-13 tie.

10 Years Ago - 2011

• Sept. 8, 2011 - A 14-year-old Nimrod boy, Sam Bell, was airlifted to North Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis Sept. 3, after he was thrown off a 1,600 pound bull he was riding in a rodeo competition held near his home. Bell suffered brain contusions, broken ribs and damaged lungs. He has yet to gain consciousness.

• Sept. 8, 2011 - Joe Hasselberg of Staples and his niece, Dana Hasselberg (a Staples native, now in college), shared their story of hunting alligators in Florida with the paper.

Both Joe and Dana Hasselberg agree, the best part of their alligator hunt was not shooting a gator, but watching night fall on the Florida swamp.

“The swamp gets completely dark,” said Joe, “but it is very loud; you start to hear the bullfrogs, birds and whatever else is out there.”

Dana described shining their light on the dark swamp. “We saw hundreds of eyes from the alligators swimming all around.” Despite the loud, spooky setting, Dana said, “I never once felt afraid.”

The next day, they spotted a seven and a half foot gator that Joe first shot



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our Aug. 28, 1980 edition. Do you know who this person is and have a memory to share about her? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week’s paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

with a crossbow, before they pulled it to the side of the boat with a cable attached to the arrow. Dana got involved by spiking the gator with a spear, but because of its thick skin, they eventually had to put a bullet into the gators’ head before pulling it onto the boat.

They brought back 25 pounds of alligator meat for a future gator fry, and they each plan to make a pair of shoes from the gator’s skin.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo, published in the Sept. 1, 1988 edition of the Staples World, featured Bob Marden, left, of Staples, working on his own Centennial project in connection with the Staples Centennial, scheduled for the following year. The cutline went on to say that, “With assistance from Debbie Doyle and Tom Holdeman, Marden plans to restore this 1909 Northern Pacific caboose that he recently purchased from Pete Card Jr. The caboose is parked just south of the railroad yards on a city-owned lot and will be open for public display during next summer’s celebration. He plans to stock it with various railroad antiques he has collected over the years.”

Staples native Debbie (Doyle) Fontaine, now of Las Vegas, Nevada, correctly identified all. Debbie, who graduated from Staples High School in 1972, mentioned that Bob Marden was her uncle, and that Tom Holderman, from Fergus Falls, was helping restore the caboose. She’s lived in Las Vegas for 25 years or so, and as much as she likes it, it’s always good “to come home,” Debbie shared, adding that she’d been back to Staples recently to attend the funeral of her brother, Michael Doyle. Although a sad occasion, she enjoyed meeting up with friends and family during her visit.

Kathy Odden of Staples correctly identified Bob Marden and Debbie Doyle; and Judy Wolak, Staples, correctly identified Bob Marden. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



Cool kale swag

Visitors to the ‘Sota Grown kale pod were given the opportunity to sample some of the product and pick up ‘Sota Grown hats and information. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



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Call for action on influence of money in Minnesota politics

We are at the crossroads. On one hand, we have the growing threats of climate change which threatens us with fires, droughts, and violent weather. On the other hand, we have government that is increasingly being captured by special interests which - as a result of the 2010 Supreme Court decision known as Citizens United - are able to flood the campaign coffers of incumbents with massive amounts of funding.

In Minnesota, legislative caucuses of both parties have fully embraced this new wealth. In 2020, the caucuses went into the campaigns with over \$26 million. If this were to be averaged out evenly between the 201 members of the Legislature, the amount available to each incumbent would be a staggering \$130,000. And this is money only from the caucus and does not include funds from the party or contributions to candidate committees.

This, along with partisan staffs that match or exceed those of political parties, certainly gives incumbents a huge re-election advantage. But, it comes at a cost to the public. A recent study by two Professors at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs concluded that generous donors were accorded special treatment by legislators, including being able to “shape” legislation. We fully agree that money influences policy. For two legislative sessions, we repeatedly pe-

tioned the Governor and Legislature for hearings on legislation designed to protect the waters of Lake Superior and the BWCA.

Time and again, we pointed out the dangers of allowing the PolyMet and Twin Metals projects to become reality. Others petitioned for answers to Enbridge Line 3 which even the Minnesota Department of Commerce declared was not needed. At no point was there any willingness of elected officials to hold hearings or respond to legitimate inquiries. The Governor and legislative leaders simply stonewalled. We couldn't even get an answer as to why they denied a request by Minnesota's health community for a health study of the drinking waters that would be affected by the seepage from the mines.

We pointed out the record of international corruption and environmental damage caused by the foreign corporations who own PolyMet and Twin Metals. We further noted the appalling lack of safety involved with Enbridge's Line 3. We lauded the Governor of Michigan for taking decisive action in ordering the Enbridge pipeline project across Lake Michigan to close.

But, here in Minnesota, we've been unable to even get a hearing while big money donors were able to “shape” legislation. Now, many legislators will say this is not “Pay to Play.” If that be the case, then please

tell the public what it is.

All of us have a responsibility to play a role in our governance. We must engage and engage now before it's too late. We cannot allow the forces of greed and the short term to convert public assets into private gain. Our quality drinking water is our most valuable and essential asset. It must not be for sale.

We can begin by adopting a constitutional amendment imposing term limits on Minnesota's Constitutional officers and legislators. Caucus fundraising must be abolished along with partisan staffs and replaced by a system that provides robust public funding for campaigns as it's done elsewhere.

As authors of “The Future is Today” we welcome a broad public debate that will allow us to build a government that is focused on the long term well-being of the public and only that. Download and read our report at www.thefutureistoday.info/.

Arne Carlson, Minnesota Governor (GOP - Independent) 1991 - 1999
Tom Berkelman, State Legislator (DFL) Duluth, 1977 - 1983
Janet Entzel, State Legislator (DFL) Minneapolis, 1975 - 1984
Chris Knopf, Executive Director, Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness
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Higher wages helps everyone

Yup. Americans don't want to work, are just lazy and are happy to get a government handout. But consider if you are a young parent and your 40-hour a week wage as an essential worker isn't enough to buy the groceries, pay for health insurance, childcare, transportation and the rent. It is easy for those of us with these luxuries to be critical of the poor. Without sick leave you must go to work even if you are sick.

What about the children? Daycare can be hard to find and very expensive. There is no state with a minimum wage that is adequate for a full time worker to pay all of his or her bills. I encourage you to do the math.

Imagine if minimum

wages (exceptions for businesses with fewer than 20 employees) including healthcare, childcare, sick leave and vacation were set based on the cost of living in an area so everyone can work and live a decent life. Oops. The owners, executives and investors might not be able to live quite the excessively lavish lifestyles they are used to. But, hey. We have a Good Economy. But the Economy is only good if you have enough money to invest in the stock market. For almost everyone else a Good Economy doesn't mean much.

Again, let's imagine how individuals and America would look if wages were determined by what our people needed to survive, by the cost of living? Realistically we know that employers are not all going to be able to provide healthcare and childcare. What alternatives are there? The VA

Healthcare services that my husband gets is a good example of how it can be done. The VA is able to negotiate better pharmaceutical and medical prices, doesn't need the expenses of advertising and profits and is able to provide all the healthcare my husband needs without excess. The VA is operated by our Federal Government and has been the best healthcare service we have experienced or are aware of. Who will spend millions to convince us this is bad? The pharmaceutical, medical and insurance industries.

“If you paid Americans a living wage, they would be able to pay for products made by Americans in America.” -Henry Rollins

“We all do better when we all do better.” -Paul Wellstone.

Sherry Kutter
Grey Eagle, Minn

Republicans respond to Line 3 congressional visit

From the office of U.S. Representative Michelle Fischbach

National Democratic congresspeople were scheduled to visit Minnesota on Sept. 3-4 to protest the Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project.

In response, U.S. Reps. Michelle Fischbach (R-MN), Pete Stauber (R-MN), and Tom Emmer (R-MN) issued the following statement:

“Even after a litany of court decisions affirming the Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project, and even with construction more than 90 percent complete, the misguided push to stop the pipeline using any means possible continues. The multi-billion-dollar pipeline project is the most studied of its kind in Minnesota; a visit by a few out-of-town congresswomen isn't going to stop it.

“Instead, they seek soundbites. They say it's about the impacts of the pipeline on Indigenous people, but they have not met with the many Native American contractors who are currently on-site assembling the pipeline. They say it's about tribal sovereignty, but they fail to note the agreements reached with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chipewewa. They say it's about people, but they have not engaged with the cities, counties and local businesses that have already benefited from the project.

“People in Minnesota support Line 3 because Line 3 supports Minnesota's energy needs.”

Background:

The Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project aims to replace an existing, deteriorating crude oil pipeline that extends from Edmonton, Alberta to Superior, Wisconsin. Construction began on the 337-mile Minnesota portion of the replacement pipeline in Dec. 2020 and is more than 90 percent completed. The project, which is the largest privately financed construction project in state history, supports thousands of skilled labor jobs across northern Minnesota and is expected to bring more than \$160 million in construction-related revenue to communities near the pipeline's route. The new pipeline will also contribute an additional \$35 million in property taxes the first year it is fully in service, which will support schools, fund essential services, and help protect the environment.

Quote of the week

“I ain’t afraid to love a man.
I ain’t afraid to shoot him either.”
— Annie Oakley

Democrats respond to Gazelka stepping down

From Minnesota DFL

Following his announcement to step down as Senate Majority Leader, here are Paul Gazelka's top 10 moments:

1. Four months into the pandemic, Gazelka falsely claimed that “the emergency part of this pandemic is over.” Since this statement, the U.S. has lost more than 640,000 people to COVID-19.
2. Gazelka held a 100-plus person, maskless dinner for Senate Republicans, resulting in a COVID-19 outbreak. Following the event, Gazelka refused to notify his DFL colleagues or the venue that there was a COVID-19 outbreak at the event.
3. Gazelka led the effort to block legislation to ban conversion therapy. And as Senate Majority Leader, he proposed dangerous leg-

islation that would allow businesses to discriminate against same-sex couples.

4. Gazelka blocked efforts to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and promised to “stand in the way” of any new common-sense gun legislation.
5. Despite having a significant budget surplus, Senate Republicans led by Gazelka proposed no increase in the per-pupil funding for schools despite school districts preparing to lay off teachers and drop programs following the unexpected budget impact of COVID-19.
6. Gazelka promised to hold hearings on police reform following the killing of Daunte Wright and then walked back this commitment and refused to hold a single hearing on police accountability.
7. Gazelka is opposed to all abortion and as Ma-

ajority Leader he authored a bill that forces a 24-hour waiting period before obtaining an abortion. These government-mandated delays serve no purpose other than to make obtaining an abortion more difficult, dangerous, and expensive.

8. Gazelka blocked legislation to establish paid family and medical leave, during a global pandemic.
9. Gazelka tried unsuccessfully to stop Governor Walz's “Clean Cars” emission standards initiative and even went so far as to force the resignation of Laura Bishop, the Commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency after being unable to stop the Governor's climate agenda.
10. Gazelka tried to create a school voucher program to funnel tax dollars away from public schools to private and religious schools.

How Americans understand the past

From the American Historical Association

The American Historical Association (AHA) and Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) have released a national survey of Americans' views on history. Funded by a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the project surveyed 1,816 people in the fall of 2020 using online probability panels. The first study of its kind in over 20 years to focus

specifically on history, the survey revealed a shared commitment among Americans to the importance of historical understanding, along with some interesting differences in what people think history is.

Here are some of the survey's findings:

- 84 percent of respondents, including clear majorities across all demographic groups, feel that history education is as valuable as education in engineering and business.
- 66 percent of survey respondents think of history primarily as names, dates, and other facts, and 76 percent report that their high school history courses focused on this approach to history. This is different from the views of most professional historians, who view history as an explanation of experiences in the past.
- 73 percent of respondents say that it is easier to learn about the past when it is presented as entertainment. Respondents report learning history most often through documentaries, fictional television or films, or television news. However, museums, historic sites, and college professors, along with documentaries, are viewed as the most reliable sources of historical information.

seen as receiving both too much and too little attention from historians.

- 62 percent of respondents agree that knowledge of history should change over time.
- 77 percent of respondents, including clear majorities across all demographic groups, agree that it is acceptable to teach history about the harm done to others, even if it makes students uncomfortable.

“It's heartening to learn that so many Americans think history education is important,” said AHA deputy director Dana Schaffer, one of the survey's co-authors. “Contrary to some of today's heated political discourse, there's widespread agreement that children need to be taught both the good and the bad parts of our history, and that education that challenges us to think critically about our past makes us better informed as a society.”

“Americans really aren't divided about what history to teach in our classrooms,” agreed FDU history professor Peter Burkholder, the other co-author of the survey. “That's a fantasy manufactured for political purposes. The real divide is one of understanding. Historians have work to do in explaining to non-historians that facts, names and dates are the raw material but not the sum total of what history is. Instead, it's explaining how and why developments take place that more accurately defines the work of history.”

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Railroad Days parade winners announced

Photo by Mark Anderson

Railroad Days parade winners were announced Aug. 30 and included: 1. Frank's Almost a Zoo, Pierz (above); 2. Ribbons and Bows Salon, Staples, below left (sponsored by Beck's Burgers) and Staples Eye Clinic, below right.

The Staples Area Chamber announced the Railroad Days Royalty Penny Wars competition placements which were: 1. Curves, Staples; 2. Timbers, Staples and 3. Staples Eye Clinic.



Photo by Janice Winter



Photo by Mark Anderson

Mark Your Calendar

September 9

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG
Thursday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m., at Thunder Lodge, 22056 US 71, Long Prairie. For info., call 401-632-7849, or Facebook at Todd County Minnesota Republicans.

STAPLES SERENITY AA GROUP MTGS
are held at the Staples Assembly of God Church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Masks required. For more info., 320-874-0979.

September 10

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

September 13

RETIRED EDUCATORS (STAPLES AREA REAM) MTG Monday, Sept. 13, Staples City Hall, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

September 15

FALL FESTIVAL - FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
Wednesday, Sept. 15, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Motley Free Methodist Church. Supper, bounce house, hay rides, games, AWANA and youth group registration and more.



Wadena Whirlaways still going strong in Staples

Forty-plus dancers attended the Wadena Whirlaways (WW) dance at the Staples Community Center Aug. 26. Dancers hailed from Brainerd, Park Rapids, West Union, Wadena, Staples and Motley (along with some visitors from the Twin Cities); and enjoyed dancing to the calling of Tom Allen from St. Cloud.

At the event, LeRoy Elfmann, Board Chairman of Square Dance Minnesota (SDM), presented a number of awards to the WW, recognizing "chronologically enriched" dancers who remain active within their organizations. Octogenarian 'Live Lively' awards were presented to David Mertens, Franklin Cerney and Stanley Tyrrell, all in their 80s; Septuagenarian Denise Sirucek was recognized with a 'Live Lively' award for being an active WW member in her 70s. Belated awards were also presented to WW Co-Presidents Kathy Achermann and

Audrey Boyd, in recognition of the organization's 50th anniversary, which took place in 2020.

Due to the COVID shutdown, the Wadena Whirlaways lost their regularly reserved dance venue in Wadena, thus moving their location to the Staples Community Center; and also delayed their milestone 50th anniversary dance, which they will celebrate on Thursday, Sept. 23, from 7 - 9 p.m. Prior to that, two free introductory dance classes will be offered on Tuesdays, Sept. 21 and 28 from 7 - 9 p.m., at the Staples Community Center. "We hope many will come to learn what modern square dancing is, share laughter with new friends, and even, perhaps, dispel some square dance myths or less-than-delightful memories of grade school phy-ed lessons," one member shared. (Submitted photo)

"Minnesota Firearm Safety Class"

TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM FAS CLASSES WILL BE HELD STARTING:

Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, 6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Staples Sportsmen's Club and Motley City Hall

Classes also run: Sept. 21, 23, 27, 28 & 30

with Field Day and On-line All Day Field Day, Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Students must be 12-years-old by this year's Deer Hunting start. Accepting students from the local area (Staples/Motley)

To register: call Darlys, Jon Hamberg, Staples, 218-894-2255, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or after 6 p.m., 218-894-2608 Bob Koenig, Motley, 218-352-6390

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Pancake Supper Sit down and take-out available.

England Prairie Pioneer Club

Fri., Sept. 17 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, September 11, 2021

SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M. RESTROOMS AVAILABLE LUNCH ON GROUNDS

1997 Chev Pickup 4X4 1500 Silverado 157,574 mi., good shape, runs good Ford 9N (7) tractor, runs good YTH 24V48 24-hp, nice, low hours John Deere rider, Model 111, 12 hp

Troy Bilt rear tire tiller 16" width, Super Bronco 8 hp 27" Path snow blower (Spirit), elec. start Hamilton Beach mixer, Serial FM39129 (works) Very old couch, nice (parlor) Desk approx. 2'X5' mahogany, 80 yrs. old, nice

Boat - 1996 Misty River 16 ft. aluminum deep & wide with Sport Spartan trailer, 40 hp Evinrude & 3 hp kicker, nice. (Lifetime license on the trailer)

*Teknainoi Nova 3000 swivel head cast bed wood lathe, 24" w/horn out board *Industrial Grizzly 220 v dust vacuum, 2 hp

SPORTING

Camping gear Winter and Summer fishing items Exercise items, clean 10'X10' canopy

HOUSEHOLD

Large wood hutch Old dresser, 4 drawers w/mirror 3-drawer dresser w/round mirror Wooden rocker Wooden shell Blue and clear canning jars, clean, approx. 80 Carpet shampooer Stainless sink Misc. household pots & pans 6' folding table

ANTIQUE/ COLLECTIBLE

Dolphin collector plates Cream cans Elvis collector plates Coffee bags Disney posters, kids' Old sled Boxes of church cookbooks Hatchets Old scales Hand grinders, hand sanders, electric Hand potato planter

EQUIPMENT/TOOLS/ WOODWORKING/

3 pt. cultivator 8 ft. 3 pt. disc 3 pt. bottom plow 8 ft. blade, 3 pt. Pickup box trailer, Chev Castair upright air compressor, 60 gal. 6 hp 220, clean Sandcaver II Photo Brasive Wilcox collector Porable air tank Shop vac, 14 gal., 5-1/2 hp A lot of misc. lumber Burt oak (knobs) Burt oak peeled posts A lot of wood working tools Grizzly 12" planer Bosch demel tool Milwaukee sawzall H.D. Cmt. router Hand grinders, hand sanders, electric Delta 4" & 6" sander

Delta 1" belt sander Mantis hand tiller Black & Decker Workmate bench Delta 10" table saw 8" bench grinder Wood lathe, Menards Steel fence posts Grow lights Garden cart, garden seeder, misc. garden Orchard baskets Deer antlers Agri-Fab spreader Truck tool box, diamond plate Push mower, 3-1/2 hp, 20"

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Brittny Blakeman and Dereck Moody of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Elena Kay weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on August 27, 2021.

Born to Haily Lundin and Jeff Sharp of Park Rapids, a baby boy, Brody James weighing seven pounds, four ounces on August 29, 2021.

Born to Sarah and Nate Peters of Nisswa, a baby girl, Layna Margaret weighing nine pounds on August 31, 2021.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Born to Myriah and Andrew Becker of Staples a baby boy, Raymond Clarence weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on August 29, 2021 at Tri-County Hospital.

Grandparents are Deb and Gary Koebernick and Scott and Sheila Becker.

SHS Class of 1961 to hold reunion

The Staples High School Class of 1961 will hold their 60th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 11, at Beck's Burger Company in Staples beginning at 1 p.m., with a program at approximately 1:30 p.m.

For information, contact Lee Jenkins at jenkins@eot.com; Roger Randgaard at roger.randgaard@charter.net; Carol Cameron at ikecam789@yahoo.com; or Rita Stracek at 320-594-2960 or garyritastracek@gmail.com.

Obituary

Roger Deering

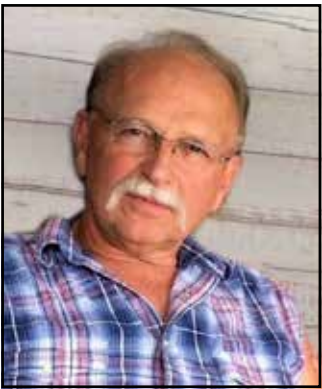
Roger Michael Deering, 72, passed away unexpectedly on August 16, 2021.

Memorial and interment will be held at Camp Ripley, date and time pending.

Roger was born April 18, 1949 to Casper and Margaret (Pogreba) Deering. He graduated from Browerville High School in 1967 and began working at Land O Lakes in Browerville. He served in the U.S. Army from February 1969 and was honorably discharged February 1971. He returned to the Browerville area and worked at Land O Lakes until retiring.

Roger was an avid hunter and enjoyed woodworking, building numerous pieces of furniture. He was an original member of the Todd County Sheriff's mounted posse. He will be remembered for the nicknames he gave, his entertaining stories and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by five children, Kristen Ziegler,



Melanie (Stacy) Brose, Stacey (Rod) Rushmeyer, Kate (Greg) Ziegler and Michael (Tiffany) Deering; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Annette Hummel and Laurie (Jerome) LePrince.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one infant brother and granddaughter, Madison Rushmeyer.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Roger's name may be made to the Veterans Park in Staples.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

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

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

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
City Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

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

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"Living for 'The Now' Needs to be Directed"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

It just struck me "now" upon beginning to write this devotion that in the 1960s and 1970s, the phrase "The Now Generation" was hip to describe some of the cataclysmic shifts and changes that were unfolding at that time.

(If you ever want to read very engaging analyses of the realities and implications of the 1960s and 1970s upon our society thereafter, read "The Death of Innocence" (1981) by Dr. Sam Janus, Ph.D., "The Culture of Narcissism" (1979) by Christopher Lasch and "ME: The Narcissistic American" by Stern.)

Actually, the wisest person ever to walk this earth had some profound and life-giving things to say about the "now" of any day that we are in. As we live in His Presence, living in "the now" of day is quite life transforming. It does call more for "being" in Him than "doing."

The first of our two Scriptures comes from Jesus' own words in Matthew 6:34. After giving example after example of how richly the Heavenly Father takes care of us, Jesus says, "Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

We need to be clear at this point, that nothing in Scripture discourages wise and timely planning. Even Jesus spoke to "counting the cost" and used illustrations of carpentry and military to make His point (Luke 14:28-33).

But Jesus is telling us that frantic worry, resulting from disconnecting from Him, is not how He made us. (After all, He is "Immanuel," God with us.) But, I'm guessing we all have

been caught up in debilitating frantic "what if" scenarios, most of which never come to pass any way, if we are honest with ourselves. Living in Jesus' love, care and provision (spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically) is a far better and life-giving way to live.

Lets take in our second Scripture in James 4:13-17 when possibly Jesus' half brother (reflecting on Jesus' Matthew 6 words?) observes, "Not listen, you who say 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.' As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."

So, what have we learned? Any point of time is a gift from God (the moment, hour, day, week, month, year, or lifetime). As His gift, we are to be good stewards (caretakers) of what belongs to Him, being conscious of life's reality. Even today as I write, a colleague of mine who is also a police chaplain in Minneapolis, shared with me that a 27-year-old police officer just recently was out running and died in the run.

When people ask me about discovering God's will for their life, from study and experience, I have found that likely up to 95 percent of God's will is already laid out in the Bible as to how (and why) we live this day, this moment, this "now," for God. Together, let's not waste what is His.

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Cross country wins at home

The Staples-Motley cross country teams won their home meet to open the season on Aug. 30, then competed against some of the top runners in the state at the St. Olaf Showcase on Sept. 2.

In the home meet, the girls had the top three finishers in the race and had five in the top ten to win easily. The boys had some strong competition early on but outlasted their opponents to win handily.

At the St. Olaf Showcase, Kyanna Burton raced with some of the fastest girls in the country, finishing 16th in 19:25, 31 seconds faster than her race three days earlier. The girls team finished eighth out of 28 teams and were the top Class A team in the meet.

The boys team all ran faster at the St. Olaf meet than at their home meet, but they were outpaced by a lot of large school teams. The Cardinals finished 18th place, the second Class A school in the meet.

Team results

Boys results

Central Minnesota River Run

Staples-Motley 38, Park Rapids 57, Fergus Falls 67, Bertha-Hewitt 103, Pine River-Backus 123, Brandon-Evansville 172, Parkers Prairie 183, Detroit Lakes 185, New York Mills 233

Varsity (5,000 meters)
2. Issiah Tabatt 17:51, 6. Lyle Brownell 18:07, 7. Luke Brownell 18:32, 9. Logan Robben

18:52, 14. Grant Johnson 19:36, 31. Dillan Robben 21:08, 35. Odin Trif 21:45, 40. Will Dolezal 21:59, 91. Evan Allen 28:37

Middle School (2,500 meters)
4. Gage Bjerga 9:42, 10. Elijah Greenwaldt 10:13, 11. Garrett Bjerga 10:24, 12. Justin Olson 10:25, 13. Gabe Kroll 10:30, 17. Ivan Lozano 10:52, 25. Jackson Odden 12:16, 26. Reid Judd 12:27

St. Olaf Showcase

Staples-Motley 18th out of 28 teams

60. Tabatt 17:27, 70. Ly. Brownell 17:37, 102. Lu. Brownell 17:55, 151. L. Robben 18:28, 124. Johnson 18:47, 255. D. Robben 19:51, 316. Trif 21:05, 324. Dolezal 21:28,

Girls results

Central Minnesota River Run

Staples-Motley 22, Park Rapids 70, United North Central 75, Detroit Lakes 101, Fergus Falls 116, Crosby-Ironton 132, New York Mills 196, Hill City 218

Varsity (5,000 meters)
1. Kyanna Burton 20:06, 2. Aften Robinson 20:13, 3. Audrey Brownell 20:59, 7. Ashley Robben 22:08, 10. Bella Hines 22:41, 14. Naila Mikhaeil 23:24

Middle school (2,500 meters)
6. Suhaila Mikhaeil 11:15, 7. Sophie Schlosser 11:24, 8. Aleea Holst 11:27, 11. Arabella Moore 12:01, 12. Brooke Bendson 12:10, 15. Leah Greenwaldt 12:22, 16. Chloe Larson 12:23, 17. Adelaide Toepper 12:29, 41. Madelyn Kist 16:19

St. Olaf Showcase

Staples-Motley 8th out of 28 teams

16. Burton 19:25, 42. Robinson 20:18, 53. Brownell 20:37, 87. Robben 21:22, 110. Hines 21:37, 115. N. Mikhaeil 21:44, 198. S. Mikhaeil 23:16, 245. Addisyn Cichos 24:38



Overtime celebration

Staples-Motley football players rush the field as Sivert Klefsaas (20) leaps to greet them after the Cardinals won the football opener 22-16 in overtime against

Wadena-Deer Creek. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinal football overtime win

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Sivert Klefsaas scored a touchdown in overtime and the Staples-Motley defense broke up a pass on fourth down to hold on to the lead as they beat Wadena-Deer Creek 22-16 in their season opener on Sept. 2.

Staples-Motley started the game ahead when Klefsaas scored on a touchdown run and then converted on the two point conversion for an 8-0 lead.

Wadena-Deer Creek answered with two touchdowns in the first half and the Cardinals were down 8-16 at halftime.

A quick momentum swing started on the second half kickoff when the Cardinals forced a fumble. Right away, Klefsaas broke through for a 19 yard touchdown run. Despite a penalty, Klefsaas wouldn't be denied on the extra point, breaking through two tacklers and dragging one to the goal line to tie the score at 16.

The rest of the second half was a defensive game, highlighted by an interception by Isaiah Schultz and

two interceptions by Klefsaas.

Overtime rules allow each team four downs to try and score starting at the 10 yard line. Staples-Motley got the ball first but slipped in the rain for a two yard loss. Second down sent Klefsaas into the line, where he got stuffed initially, but he bounced out to the right side and ran into the end zone for a 12 yard overtime score. The extra point was stopped, giving the Cardinals a 22-16 lead.

Wadena-Deer Creek tried three straight runs, gaining positive yards on the first two. But the Cardinal defense stuffed another run attempt on third down with Dominic Gomez and Sam Opheim leading the charge. On fourth down, WDC attempted a pass into the right corner but it was broken up by Schultz and Dayton Anderson, giving the team their win as the players celebrated.

Klefsaas finished the game with 170 yards on 38 carries, the main offense for Staples-Motley. Schultz completed four passes to Hunter Martin and Anderson.



Goal line stand

Caleb Jasmer (75), Dominic Gomez and Sam Opheim stop the Wadena-Deer Creek runner at the two yard line on third down in overtime.



Ahead of the crowd

Dillan Robben, right, leads Will Dolezal and Odin Trif as they stay ahead of a big pack. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Teamwork on the course

Naila Mikhaeil and Bella Hines work together during the home cross country meet.



Race move

Luke Brownell passes a runner.

Tennis team takes tiebreakers to win

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team swept the singles matches and won one doubles match to win at Detroit Lakes on Aug. 31. Two of the singles matches needed tiebreaker wins for the Cardinals to come out on top. Ronnie Noska won in two sets, winning the tiebreaker in each set after it

was tied 6-6. Georgia Kruchten split her two sets and won the super tiebreaker 10-5 to decide the match.

The win moved the Cardinals to 6-2 on the season.

Team results

Staples-Motley 5, Detroit Lakes 2

Singles: Lauren Rutten

W 6-2, 6-3; Allison Knosalla W 7-5, 6-2; Ronnie Noska W 7-6 (10-8), 7-6 (8-6); Georgia Kruchten W 6-0, 3-6, (10-5)

Doubles: Elizabeth DiGiovanni/Kenzie Erickson W 6-3, 6-1; Amy Rollins/Corinne Olson L 3-6, 2-6; Heidi Zimmerman/Maddison Perius L 0-6, 2-6



Hold on tight for the tackle

Elijah Claussen grasps a runner's leg while Dominic Gomez cleans up the tackle.

Cardinal volleyball wins on the road

After opening their season with three wins at a tournament, the Staples-Motley volleyball team won their first full match, defeating Pine River-Backus 3-1 on Aug. 31. They won a second road game at Menahga on Sept. 2.

Like they did at the tournament, the Cardinals spread the ball around so multiple players scored kills in their two games. Against Pine River-Backus, Morgan Becker led the team with 12 kills and also had 22 digs. Leah Bestland had 24 set assists and also had 22

digs. Maggie Claussen had 29 digs. Against Menahga, Bo Erholtz and Claussen each had three ace serves.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, Pine River-Backus 1

25-14, 21-25, 25-17, 25-11
Leah Bestland: aces-4, assists-24, kills-1, digs-22
Bo Erholtz: kills-6, blocks-4, digs-2
Morgan Becker: assists-1, kills-12, digs-22
Grace Jennissen: kills-3, blocks-1, digs-1
Jayce Kobliksa: digs-5
Klaire Storry: assists-1, kills-6, blocks-1, digs-2
Maggie Claussen: Ace-1,

kills-2, digs-29
Steffany Sullivan: digs-13
Emily Case: assists-1, kills-3, blocks-1, digs-2
Staples-Motley 3, Menahga 0
25-13, 25-18, 25-23
Bestland: set assists-29, digs-7
Erholtz: Ace-3, kills-9, blocks-1, dig-1
Becker: Ace-1, kills-10, digs-10
Kobliksa: digs-2
Claussen: aces-3, sssists-2, digs-15
Case: kills-4, blocks-1, digs-2
Ellie Moulton: kills-3, digs-1
Jennissen: kills-5
Sullivan: digs-9
Abby Dukowitz: digs-2

Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

**ISD #2170
STAPLES-MOTLEY
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #1
AND TAX ABATEMENT
PUBLIC HEARING
July 19, 2021,
6 p.m., District Office**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Freeman, B. Anderson, Reeck, and L. Anderson present (comprising a quorum). Bruce Lund was absent Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Finances, Regan; Principals Johnson and Schmidt; Jodie Zesbaugh, Ehlers; approximately 15 employess and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to add agenda item #23. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by L. Anderson, to adopt the agenda. MC

Recognize Public - Chair Winkels recognized the public and thanked everyone for attending.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER GRANTING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Jodie Zesbaugh opened the Public Hearing and reviewed the Property Tax Abatement for parking lot construction and improvement projects. Following the statutory authority for tax abatement, scope of parking lot projects, tax abatement approval process, next steps and estimated tax impact, the hearing was opened up for public comments and

questions. Very little discussion followed.

School/Community Forum

a. **Josh Lee, Activities Director** presented the Why We Play MSHSL Video which is required prior to the Board approving MSH-LS membership for the upcoming year.

Consent Agenda

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

Donations and Grants

Motion by Reeck, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve the Resolution to Accept Grants and In-Kind Donations in the amount of \$12,453.85. MC

Finance Items

Financial Report was presented by J. Regan

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by L. Anderson, to authorize payment of the Vouchers. MC

Facilities

Motion by Reeck, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve the LTFM ten year plan. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to adopt the Resolution Granting Tax Abatement.

Following a Roll Call vote, voting in favor: B. Anderson, Freeman, Reeck, Winkels and L. Anderson Opposed: None (Lund was absent). MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by L. Anderson, to adopt the Resolution of Intent with parameters to issue Facilities Maintenance Bonds and Tax Abatement Bonds, including participation in State's Credit Enhancement Program.

Following a Roll Call vote, voting in favor: Winkels, L. Anderson, Reeck,

Freeman and B. Anderson. Opposed: None. (Lund was absent) MC

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to approve publication of the RFP requesting proposals for the guaranteed energy savings contract. MC

Curriculum / Policy

2021-2022 Handbooks are available for Board review. No action at this time.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to approve the review of mandatory policies with no changes, or minor changes: #410 Family and Medical Leave; #413 Harassment and Violence; #414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect; #415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment; #506 Student Discipline; #514 Bullying Prohibition; #522 Student Sex Non-discrimination; #524 Internet Acceptable Use. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Student Medication Policy # 516 with MSBA revisions and recommendations from the school nurses. MC

Other

Approve the Education Identity & Access Management Resolution identifying the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for Staples-Motley as Shane Tappe, with Bonnie Madson as the Iowa Proxy.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by L. Anderson, to approve the Education Identity & Access Management Resolution identifying the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for Staples-Motley as Shane Tappe, with Bonnie Madson as the IOWA Proxy for school year 2021-22. MC

Motion by B. Anderson,

seconded by Winkels, to approve the Application for Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship with Verndale for Girls Tennis. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Reeck, to approve the 2021-2022 School Meal Prices/Fee Schedule. MC

Superintendent Tappe gave a preliminary report on new guidance from MDE regarding On-Line and Blended Learning Options for the 2021-22 school year. If the district plans to offer on-line or blended learning, a plan must be submitted by Aug. 2, for approval. Only residents of the district or previously enrolled students could participate. The district has obtained a new broker for insurance (NIS). A Project Oversight Committee (POC) will be formed as the district moves forward with the facility project.

Adjournment

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. MC

Complete minutes are available at: www.isd2170.k12.mn.us.

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Public Notices

NOTICE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

Evergreen Hill Cemetery will hold a board meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Staples Community Center.

Bob Reeck, Sec./Treas.
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Aldrich Township is seeking bids for Road Maintenance work, including Plowing, Blading and Mowing the roadsides. Bids are for a three (3) year period beginning November 1, 2021 and ending October

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE Court File No.: 77-PR-21-767

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of
Duff Allen Brown,
Decedent

It is ordered and notice is given that on September 27, 2021, at 10:15 a.m., a hearing will be held at Todd County Courthouse via zoom for the formal adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Charlene A. Dickey, 7987 120th SW, Motley, MN 56466 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in a supervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. **NOTE:** You will need to pay a filing fee when you file the objection. If you cannot afford the fee, you can ask for

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Barb Johnson, Clerk
Aldrich Township
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a fee waiver (see <http://mn-courts.gov/GetForms.aspx?c=19&p=69>). If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes Section § 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 20, 2021

BY THE COURT
Daniel A. Benson, Judge

Rhonda Bot
Court Administrator

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Agriculture research goes on despite drought

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At the Central Lakes College Field Day lunch on Aug. 27 in Staples, Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture Thom Peterson pointed out that the Minnesota farming community has had a lot of issues to overcome in the past four years. In 2018, the state saw the lowest level of farm income in 20 years. In 2019, we had the wettest year, 2020 saw COVID and 2021 they are dealing with drought.

Peterson said the agriculture community has pushed through it all and is still flourishing as one of the top producing states in the nation. Peterson said the difference in making it through the hard times is research like the many experiments going on at CLC in Staples.

U.S. Representative Michelle Fischbach said the federal government is looking for ways to help farmers who are being devastated by the drought this year.

Fischbach said the government has reauthorized drought relief programs to help farmers.

She is also looking into allowing states to authorize haying and grazing of CRP land during a drought. Usually CRP is environmentally protected land with limited usage.

Isaac Schultz, from U.S. Representative Pete Stauer's office, said livestock owners have "dire needs" because of the drought this year.

Research

Field Day attendees had a chance to learn about a few of the research studies currently going on.

For example, some of the experiments had to be changed to fit the dry year. Angie Peltier of the University of Minnesota is conducting a white mold study on soybeans, but white mold is especially present in wet, cool years. With the dry, hot conditions this year, the mold was not a problem, so they experimented with a new type of spray nozzle that can apply fungicide to kill the mold in a more normal year. Peltier said the spores grow on the stems of bean plants, so they developed a nozzle that can get under the canopy of bean leaves and spray the stems.

Byron Fischer of Chipewewa Valley Bean in Wisconsin said that the CLC research plot is one of four active dry beans trials in the United States. He said Minnesota grows around 75 percent of the dark red kidney beans grown in the country, 35 percent of the light red and 50 to 95 percent of white kidney beans.

Fischer said beans are not used as much in the United States as in the rest of the world.

Especially in this drought year, Fischer said they are paying attention to the water aspect of beans. The amount of plant protein in beans that would take three gallons of water to grow, the same amount of



White mold research

Angie Peltier shows the unique spray nozzle that is being used to spray beans at the stalk level. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Agriculture leader

Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Peterson speaks at the CLC Ag and Energy Center in Staples.

animal protein would take hundreds of gallons.

"Water is a big deal," said Fischer.

Many of the experiments at CLC are now using precision irrigation technology that is able to put more water on areas that need it the most. Jake Wildman, President of the Irrigators Association of Minnesota, said this year has been "the greatest challenge" for the organization.

Some of the researchers noted that in this year of drought, the precision agriculture saved thousands of gallons of water for those who used the technology.

Ryan Perish of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture has been conducting a multi-year study of ground water monitoring in Byron Township, north of Staples. He measures the amount of nitrates that filter into the soil from fertilizer. Perish said the field management techniques used on the test fields has done a good job in meeting environmental goals, but they are still working on meeting the financial goals that will make the groundwater practices worthwhile.

Another multi-year project that is getting results is the N-Zone Max study intended to get soil to hold



Rep. visit

U.S. Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach speaks at Field Day.

nitrogen so plants can utilize it without nitrates seeping into the groundwater. The study is showing that there is a groundwater decrease in nitrates over time.

Next year

New research and a new agriculture program are being planned for CLC next year.

At the Ag and Energy Center, an industrial hemp program will start next year.

At the Staples CLC campus, they are working on starting a meat cutting program to help make up for the lack of meat processing in the country.



Local food and flowers for families

Children at the CLC Ag and Energy Center Field Day were able to pick produce and flowers to bring home. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Humanitarian benefits of experimental pod

research that this has brought to our area, combining local food and high technology."

State Representative John Poston said he is getting interest from people who see the industrial potential and from people interested in the humanitarian benefits that can come out of this project. Poston said this type of high echnology is attracting people to the field of agriculture.

Frank Sharp of the Electric Power Research Institute in Tennessee said they have 14 containers spread to different parts of the

country, but just two in cold climate states. He said they have learned something from every one of them.

Mark Fagan of Great River Energy said the power company is meeting the goal of having 25 percent renewable energy and is planning to increase it to more than 50 percent. He said they are using lessons learned from the pod as a blueprint for other parts of the state.

Allison Uselman of Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative talked about how the project is helping align with the vision and values of the electric company.

Alicia Bauman of Lakewood Health System said the pod fits Lakewood's vision of "to empower health and well being." The program has helped bridge the gaps of food needs in the local population and they especially make sure it gets to children who need the nutrition, said Bauman.

Cory Detloff of the Ag and Energy Center said they are going to start growing more crops in the pod besides the kale that was used in the first year of the project.



'Sota Grown partners

CLC President Hara Charlier, left, and Alicia Bauman of Lakewood Health System speak at the 'Sota Grown ribbon cutting. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Kale recipe: zuppa Toscana soup

At the 'Sota Grown ribbon cutting, a recipe was provided using kale as a main ingredient. When Lakewood has kale as part of their food distribution, they often include recipes on how to use it. Here is the recipe from the event:

Zuppa Toscana Soup
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes
Servings: 8
Ingredients:
• 6 oz bacon chopped
• 1 lb. "Hot" Italian Sausage
• 1 medium head garlic 10 large cloves, peeled and minced
• 1 medium onion finely diced

• 4 cups chicken broth/stock
• 6 cups water
• 5 medium russet potatoes peeled and chopped into 1/4" thick pieces
• 1 kale bundle leaves stripped and chopped (6 cups)
• 1 cup whipping cream
• Salt and black pepper to taste
• Parmesan cheese to serve (optional)

Directions:

1. In a large pot or dutch oven (5.5 qt), over medium-high heat, add chopped bacon and sauté until browned (5-7 minutes). Remove to a paper-towel lined plate and spoon out excess oil, leaving about 1 Tbsp oil in the pot.
2. Add Italian sausage, breaking it up with your spatula and sauté until cooked through, remove to paper towel lined plate.
3. Finely dice onion and add to the pot. Sauté 5 minutes or until soft and golden then add minced garlic and saute 1 minute.
4. Add 4 cups broth and 6 cups water, and bring to boil. Add sliced potatoes and cook 13-14 minutes or until easily pierced with a fork.
5. When potatoes are nearly done, add chopped kale and cooked sausage and bring everything to a light boil.
6. Stir in 1 cup cream and bring to boil.
7. Season to taste with salt and black pepper then remove from heat.
8. Garnish with bacon and grated parmesan (optional).

Recipe from Natasha's Kitchen (natashaskitchen.com)

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