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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 6	40°	34	Rain
Apr. 7	38	26	Snow
Apr. 8	43	22	M. Sunny
Apr. 9	51	34	M. Sunny
Apr. 10	56	39	P. Cloudy
Apr. 11	55	38	M. Sunny
Apr. 12	45	35	Showers

Last Year, 2021

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 6	54°	41	Cloudy
Apr. 7	49	44	Rain
Apr. 8	54	42	Rain
Apr. 9	44	41	Rain
Apr. 10	51	34	Sunny
Apr. 11	50	33	M. Sunny
Apr. 12	40	38	Rain

Average Temps:
H = 48° Low = 30°

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Workforce, housing, energy top list for development issues

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Todd County Development Corporation and the Economic Alliance of Wadena County teamed up to host the second annual Todd Wadena Development Summit on March 17. The online meeting gave area agencies that work in economic and community development an opportunity to give an update on what they are working on.

Many of the panelists shared common concerns for some of the top issues in the region, including workforce development, housing and energy efficiency. Several of the groups are working on increasing electric transportation alternatives. The meeting also held a special session on broadband, with several representatives from internet companies talking about their progress and roadblocks.

Following are some of the highlights from each agency.

Todd County Development Corporation

Executive Director Rick Utech said they operate a Small Business Development Center outreach office

for Todd County businesses.

New this year is a comprehensive website, toddcountrydevelopment.org, that contains information on business opportunities in Todd County, including site selection and property available in the county.

Utech's services include start-up assistance, business planning, project feasibility, accounting and financial, marketing plans, buying/selling/succession planning and loan packaging.

Economic Alliance of Wadena County

Executive Director Katie Heppner said she works with business start-ups, retention and expansion, community capacity building, organizational sustainability and growth in Wadena County.

Although much of Staples is in Todd County, the Economic Alliance shares resources and included all of Staples in their recent housing study. The Wadena County housing reports are online at thealliancecmn.org, with separate reports for the county and one for each city.

Heppner has started

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Trident Seafoods earns safety award

Trident Seafoods in Motley will be recognized for excellence in workplace safety and health during the 2022 Minnesota Safety and Health Conference, May 3-4.

Trident Seafoods is one of 191 employers to be honored through the awards program, coordinated by the Minnesota Safety Council.

"During a time that has challenged all of us in many ways, we are honored to recognize Trident Seafoods for their award," said Paul Aasen, president of the Minnesota Safety Council. "Congratulations to Trident Seafoods for helping to make life safer inside their organization and beyond."

"We are extremely proud of our long-standing safety See **TRIDENT** on page 10a

National Honor Society

Front, left to right: Madysen Hull, Brooke Converse, Ashley Robben, Georgia Kruchten, Allison Olander, Amanda Carter, Topanga Braith, Leah Bestland. Back: Grace Jennissen, Morgan Becker, Bo Erholtz, Lyle Brownell, Lucas Brownell, Sivert Klefsaas, Addison Lorber, Brooke Huisenga, Trinity Seamann, Luke Bates, Caden Mrazek. (Submitted photo)

Ukrainian man who worked on Browerville farm shares about the war in his country

Stepan Strilchuk, a Ukrainian man who worked at Lee and Laurie Paskewitz's farm in Browerville in 2017, has stayed in contact with his American friends and recently shared of the horrific events that have taken place in his country following the Russian invasion. The Staples World reached out, with the help of Laurie Paskewitz, to see if Strilchuk would be willing to share about the current situation in Ukraine, which he agreed to do. His response to the paper, in his own words, is included below.

Hello, my name is Stepan Strilchuk. I'm 28 years old and I'm Ukrainian.

Almost all my life I have worked on the farm, the same I did when I was in Minnesota in 2017, I helped local farmer Lee Paskewitz on Solid Rock Dairy Farm (Browerville).

That was fabulous nine months. I met a lot of great people and I have learned many things about farming and Americans. I lived with a family who made me feel like I am truly part of the big and nice family. Such great memories and I miss those people and time almost all the time.

But as you all know, all good things come to an end one day. One month ago I received phone call from my girlfriend and she told me "the war started." These words still ringing in my head. I'm living in Poltava, hopefully this city almost didn't touch by war, but the



Shared love of farming

In 2017, Stepan Strilchuk of the Ukraine (far left) spent nine months working at Solid Rock Dairy Farm in Browerville, as part of a farm exchange program. The farm was owned by Lee and Laurie Paskewitz. Strilchuk is pictured with members of the Paskewitz family. From left are Colton Paskewitz, Aaron Crye, Lindsay (Paskewitz) Crye, Duke the dog; and Nikki, Lee, Laurie and Alek Paskewitz. (Submitted photo)

area around the city was many times hits by Russian rockets. From the first day of the war, I become forklift driver to help humanitarian organizations who helps displaced people from other regions. We did a lot of things already but still it is not enough.

Lee and Laurie Paskewitz know me as hardworker and I almost never ask about some help, because I know to get something you need

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Food shelf fund drive at SM Elementary

Students at the Staples-Motley Elementary School recently collected food during March for the Staples Food Shelf. Mrs. Sapp's fourth grade class, above, helped fill a fire truck with the food donations. Volunteers from

the Staples Food Shelf helped unload the truck. Fourth graders also made posters, gave a daily announcements, gathering the food brought in each day. (Submitted photo)



Church youth donate to Motley food shelf

The AWANA Club at Motley Free Methodist Church recently collected 435 pounds of groceries and brought it to the Motley Area Food Shelf. Motley Free Methodist also donated \$2,825 to the food shelf, money raised from the Ruby Cline Concert held at their church March 19. Pictured at left, back row from left are AWANA members Jennifer Mallory (leader), Brandi Neal, Linnel Reynolds, Thomas Judd, Henry Judd, Clara Judd; and food shelf volunteers Kevin Swecker and Fran Kokett. Front row: Regueson Reynolds, Mayno Reynolds, Anika Neal, Catherine Judd, Elena Neal, Clara Neal, Mistalove Reynolds, AWANA members. (Submitted photo)

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Severe Weather Awareness Week Apr. 4-8

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management want to remind everyone that Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 4 - 8.

On Thursday, April 7, we will be participating in the statewide tornado drills with sirens being activated at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Outdoor warning sirens will sound in a simulated tornado warning. The tornado drills allow everyone in the community to practice their emergency plans for tornadoes. The first drill is intended for institutions and businesses. The evening drill is intended for second shift workers and families. There is no such thing as an "all-clear" siren.

For more information about severe weather safety and preparedness, visit the Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management website.

Motley Police reports

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) included the following:

March 24 - 30

March 29 - The MPD received a report of a counterfeit bill that was deposited at Unity Bank in Motley by a local business. The MPD attempted to make contact with the business owner and is awaiting a return call. A Counterfeit Note Report and the counterfeit bill were sent to the U.S. Secret Service.

March 28 - The MPD issued Mitchell VanAlst, 30, a citation for driving after revocation.

March 26 - The MPD issued Danielle Paulson, 48, a citation for speeding.

March 26 - The MPD issued Paul Ashby, 54, a citation for driving after cancellation, uninsured vehicle, no proof of insurance, and speeding.

March 25 - The MPD issued a citation to Shane Naniot, 35, for having too dark of tint on his vehicle window.

March 25 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Jeremy Moonen, 45.

March 24 - The MPD issued a citation to Daniel Mote, 29, for driving after suspension.



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Mystery solved...

...And the girl who grew up to coach a State Champion team



Last week's mystery photo published in the March 15, 1979 edition of the Staples World featured Motley High School's (MHS) senior girls basketball players with their third place trophy won during the District 24 Tournament. Front row, from left, are Sheri Sampson, Judy Montgomery, Kathy Zetah. Back row: Mary Ann Willoughby, Carol Vasecka, Laurie Hellmers.

According to the accompanying article, "The Motley Rockettes repeated their last year's performance Friday, March 8, when they brought home the District 24 third place trophy. The Verndale Pirates got fourth, Wadena second, and New York Mills, first. Coach Randy Robb commented, "We have a very fine group of students that play their hearts out when they really need to. We stress defense and I believe that's what won many of our games this season, including tonight's against Verndale (the final score was 50-41)." Underclassmen on the Rockette's winning team (not pictured) included Bunny Vasecka, Sue Solstead, Linda Zetah, Julie Willoughby, Shelly Geurts, Bessie Rollins, Norma Mares.

Randy Robb of Motley, a former science teacher at MHS who coached this team, correctly identified the girls and recalled they were the first girls sports team at MHS to bring home a trophy. Robb went on to say that one of the senior girls on the team, Mary Ann (Willoughby) Dengerud is now a girls basketball coach at Totino-Grace High School (Fridley), and her team recently won the Minnesota Class 3A State Championship (after defeating Becker 60 - 51 March 19, at Williams Arena in Minneapolis). He was on vacation during this year's girls state basketball tournament, but has been able to see a few clips from the game won by Totino-Grace. Yes, it makes him proud to have coached a girl who is now the coach of a state championship team.

A number of Motley High School alumni recognized all of the girls in the Mystery Photo, including Bruce Martin of Pillager (1978 grad), Curt Martin of Pillager (1979) and Gary Trout of Motley (1982 grad). Curt Martin said that he "went to school with all of them," and recalled that they were a very good team. Gary Trout said that these girls were all in his brother Kevin's class (1979) and he became friends with them. "They were a state-caliber team, but always ran up against New York Mills," he said, noting that NYM took home the state championship at least three years. Gary also recalled that when the girls BB team had a home game, "they packed out the gym."

Laurie (Hellmers) Trout, who was one of the girls in the photo, said she had saved the article that included this picture of the seniors, as well as one of the entire winning team. It's in her scrapbook, Laurie shared. The story mentioned that Judy Montgomery put the first points up on the board in the game against Verndale, and went on to note that when the game was tied, Motley "pulled ahead by three points on a Sue Solstead free throw and a Linda Zetah bucket." The article went on to say that in the second quarter Verndale threatened to tie again, with 1:03 left and a chance for a 1 and 1, "but Mary Ann Willoughby took the rebound and made it 23-19 as the buzzer sounded." Other great plays in the second half by Sue Solstead and Linda Zetah were mentioned, and the article ended by saying, "The Rockettes gained a nine point spread early in the fourth and maintained it for a 50-41 final."

Fellow team member and 1979 MHS alum Kathy (Zetah) Kobliska, of Lincoln, said the photo brought back many memories of that time. She said she was "on cloud nine" watching her former teammate's championship game on television recently, which she recorded and hopes to share with their former Coach Robb. "It was totally awesome," Kathy said of watching Coach Mary Ann's team play at state.

Jeanne Rohr of Motley knew all of the girls, whom were in the band she taught at MHS (except for Kathy Zetah). Rohr guessed that they were holding the second-place trophy for girls basketball - losing to New York Mills and Janet Karvonen. Rohr went on to share about Mary Ann (Willoughby) Dengerud coaching her girls BB team to the Class 3A State Championship a couple of weeks ago. "She was also named MN Prep Girls Hoops Coach of the Year!" Rohr shared of the former Motley Rocket.

Karen Zetah and Lisa Muench also correctly identified all. Zetah commented on the recent state championship won by Coach Mary Ann (Willoughby) Dengerud.

Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• April 3, 1947 - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Knapper, of the Leader vicinity, are the parents of twin girls born at the Staples hospital Sunday afternoon, March 30.

The first girl to arrive was born at 3:25 and weighed 5 pounds and 12 ounces. She has been named Janet Marie. At 4:15 the second baby girl was born. She weighed 5 pounds and 15 1/2 ounces and has been named Jean Edna. The girls were identical twins.

The Knappers have a son, the only other member of their family.

• April 3, 1947 - From a

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news dispatch taken from a Twin Cities newspaper Tuesday morning of this week, it was learned that Charles Johnson, 41, Northern Pacific railroad crossing watchman at Wadena, was killed Monday night when he was struck by an auto and thrown into the path of an east bound freight train, which also struck him. The car failed to stop. Walter Littel was the engineer on the freight.

Wadena County Attorney C. W. Kennedy said late Tuesday that Clinton Benson, 27, of Staples, had been charged with criminal negligence in connection with the death of Mr. Johnson. He was apprehended in New York Mills by officials of Wadena county, and has been committed to the jail in Wadena, under the care of Wadena County Sheriff Gus Tulgren, where he is charged with second degree manslaughter.

Mr. Benson came to Staples about a year ago and has been employed with the Northern Pacific company. He came from Grand Forks to Staples.

• April 3, 1947 - The Motley basketball team attended the State Basketball Tournament which was held in Minneapolis March 27 - 29 last week and found it a very thrilling and exciting experience. During the day when there were no basketball games, the boys visited the radio studios, the Foshay Tower and many other places of interest.

Even though the boys enjoyed each day in the city, they were glad to get home on Sunday. They boys wish to extend their thanks and

appreciation to the business men and others from both Motley and Staples, who donated the money to make this trip possible.

Reporter's note - If you listened to WDAY, Minneapolis, Saturday at 11:30 on the Slim Jim Amateur program, you heard Jim Coverston read a commercial for the "Town Market" - a furniture store. Every word was heard very distinctly. Later in the program, Doug Frisk sang, "My Filipino Baby" which he did well.

50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• April 6, 1972 - Seven athletes at Staples High school were honored by the Staples Lions Club at Tuesday evening's annual athletic banquet by being selected by their teammates as the most valuable player in their respective sports.

The Cardinal members honored were Bob Rego, football lineman; Denny Hanson, football backfield; Rick Pohl, cross-country; Joe Neznik, basketball; Gordy Thompson, wrestling; Mark Penfield, track; and Warren Mertens, baseball.

• April 6, 1972 - Fire last Tuesday evening, March 28, completely destroyed the farm home of Merle (Bud) Bounds, located in Wing River Township of Wadena County. Cause of the fire was not determined.

• April 6, 1972 - Jathan Edwards was the winner of the Pinewood Derby held by the Staples Cub Scouts March 27, in the Staples Auditorium.

Edwards first won the competition in Den Three and then was entered with two other Den winners in the championship round. Steve Hajek, also of Den Three placed second and Scott Fearing of the Webeles finished third.

• April 6, 1972 - Two young people from Staples have been boning up on Lebanon in preparation of the 15th Model United Nations Assembly, being held in Winnipeg, April 7 and 8, at the Red River Community College.

Mary Thomas and Neal Zappe are sponsored by the local Rotary Club. Their counselor is Mr. Richard Donat.

• April 6, 1972 - Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Jacobson, veteran missionaries to Columbia, South America, will be preaching at the Alliance Church Sunday, April 9, at the 11 a.m. service and the 7:30 p.m. service. Rev.

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High quality broadband in area, but not every place has it

Wadena County virtual coffee talks and Legislative Lattes to updated people on what is going on in the county. She also has connected local businesses to Clicks and Bricks, an e-commerce mini-series for retail and food service/hospitality businesses.

The Economic Alliance has also started community projects such as a small business welcome wagon, housing task force, rural child care innovation program, a community marketing campaign and works with the Welcoming Communities advocacy group in Staples.

Region Five

"Our role is to address critical regional issues and changes such as recessions, pandemics and tornados," said Cheryl Hills, Executive Director of Region Five.

Hills said their recent work has seen projects on workforce attraction, broadband and local foods. She said they may be doing more with water conservation in the future, such as working on septic system issues.

Region Five is also working on their Welcoming Communities program. Hills said the program has been hampered by the pandemic but they are nearly ready to start it up again for communities like Staples, which has started the process but has not yet implemented all of their plans.

Hills said the Region Five area has the least diversity in the state, but is still within the top ten of doing

diversity lending, including to women. "A majority of our minority borrowers are women," said Hills.

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative

Although it is an electric supplier, Todd-Wadena-Electric Cooperative has a commitment to helping with economic development and energy efficiency. Allison Uselman said TWEC has an economic development loan program that can even go to applicants who are not members of the cooperative.

Their focus is on energy efficiency, transportation, heating and cooling, farm applications and energy analysis.

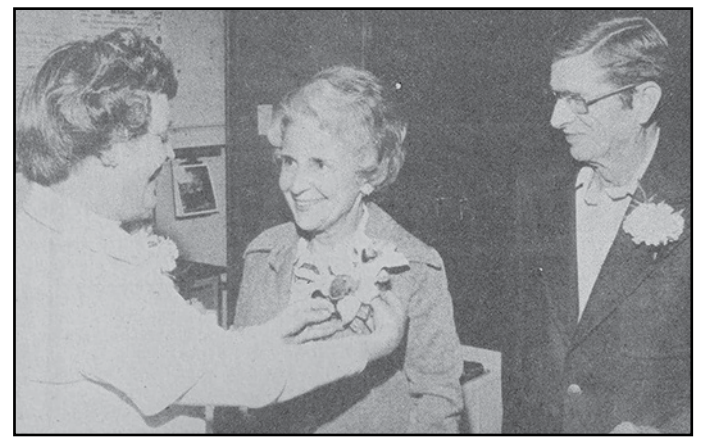
Uselman gave an example of one company that converted from propane forklifts to electric forklifts, and were expected to save \$60,000 because of the efficiency.

Minnesota Power

Minnesota Power is an energy supplier that helps businesses with economic development.

Claire Peterlin told the group that they work on business retention and expansion, shovel ready projects, regional capacity building, advocacy and business expansion incentives. She said two big issues right now are child care and housing, plus an emerging electric vehicle program.

Through partnerships with businesses, Peterlin said costs can be paid for through energy efficiency projects. She said their projects in 2021 reduced 52,600



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our March 27, 1975 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Jacobson grew up in the Staples community and graduated from the Staples High School.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• April 3, 1997 - A 30-year-old man from St. Joseph died as a result of injuries suffered in a one-car rollover Friday, March 28 in Villard Township.

Rickey Joe Norris was pronounced dead upon arrival at Greater Staples Hospital, according to the Todd County Sheriff's Department.

The accident happened on a township road in Section 22 about 10:23 p.m. Upon arrival, emergency personnel learned that the car had two occupants. Both were removed and taken to the hospital, where Norris was pronounced dead. Leonard Allen Smith, 31, of Staples, was treated and released at the hospital. The sheriff's department said the accident is still under investigation. Among other things, the investigators are trying to determine which one was the driver.

• April 3, 1997 - The Staples Area Food Shelf was able to raise \$13,513.73 in March during Minnesota Foodshare Month, an annual fundraiser for food shelves in Minnesota. They also collected 1,709 pounds of food during the month.

• April 3, 1997 - Staples Police Chief Kyle Huber said this week he's glad he's staying right where he's at. Huber two weeks ago turned down the offer of the police chief's job at Dilworth.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

• April 5, 2012 - A program to salute the veterans leaving April 12 on the Honor Flight will be held at 2 p.m., April 11, at the Staples Motley High School gym. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

• April 5, 2012 - Ryle Jordan was half a second from becoming the world champion. Only an unfortunate stack of sticky boxes prevented him from winning the World Pizza Games competing in pizza box folding.

Jordan said a huge crowd gathered to watch the competition at the International Pizza Expo in Las Vegas. With his competition coming up right after the acrobatic dough tossing competition, Jordan said the crowd was buzzing.

In the first round, he folded the five boxes in under 20 seconds, which was the top time and qualified him for the finals. In the finals, he again had five boxes to fold. The rules state that competitors can't touch the boxes before the start and as luck would have it boxes two and three stuck together, as did boxes four and five. His time of 21.2 seconds was just half a second behind the winner, Jimmy Vang of Japan.

"In my opinion, with out the stuck boxes, Ryle would have gained at least a full second which would have made him the International Champion," said Roger Houselog, owner of Tower Pizza (where Jordan is employed) and Jordan's sponsor in the competition.

pleted projects in northeast Todd County and another in the Browerville area. He said the biggest roadblock is funding and financing. There is a lot of federal grants for broadband, but it is very competitive, so communities that work the hardest to get it and can contribute local funding are the ones who get it first.

Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs)

CERTs are statewide groups that connect individuals and communities with resources to identify and implement energy projects.

Melissa Birch said they work through partnerships to develop clean energy projects using events, stories and practical steps. The work includes solar projects and electric vehicles. CERTs can help small businesses and farms to qualify for grants and tax credits that can cover most or all of their energy projects.

Broadband

"People that move here are amazed by the broadband," said Geri Salmela of West Central Telephone. She said some places have better broadband than the Twin Cities.

But broadband isn't everywhere yet. West Central is wrapping up their project in the Staples area north of Highway 10, but many other areas are not.

Joe Buttweiler of CTC said they recently com-



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Letter to the Editor

Relationships free of violence

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Most of us are a bit uncomfortable talking about sex, but we need to get past the blushing and have a constructive conversation about sexuality and sexual abuse. Knowledge is essential to prevention and that is the goal. By talking about it, we are promoting healthy behaviors that encourage healthy sexuality in ways that enrich our lives. Healthy sexuality is comprised of consensual, respectful relationships free of coercion and violence.

Our children as young as 12 are being impacted by misconceived messages of sexuality and are being sexually abused. Sexual abuse

whether on-line or any other way is emotionally damaging, unforgettable and often results in lifelong harm and agony. Over 70 percent of all sexual assaults are never reported to anyone. Victims are blamed and shamed for being part of this behavior. A clear message needs to be sent that there is NO disgrace in being a survivor of sexual assault, but that shame lies ONLY with the aggressor. Sexual offenses are not usually a reckless event, they are knowing and often intentional, and most sexual offenses are committed by someone familiar to the victim. Most sexual aggressors are motivated by a need to control their victim. There is also adult sexual victimization as well and the characteristics are quite familiar, as few are reported and most of the time the aggressor is known to the victim.

We need to start believing and supporting victims when they report sexual abuse. Rarely is someone falsely reporting that kind of violence. A negative response to victims can worsen the trauma for them, and foster an environment where perpetrators face no consequences for their crimes. Statistics show that sexual predators very rarely attack only once many re-offend multiple times.

If you or someone you know has experienced a sexual assault and would like to have a confidential conversation about it, please feel free to contact an advocate at Hands of Hope Resource Center at 320-732-2319 or on-line at advocates.handssofhope@gmail.com.

Connie Nelson
Victim Advocate
Hands of Hope Resource Center

Who are the greatest Americans?

By Lee H. Hamilton

Who are the most important Americans? It's a question that's sure to generate lots of disagreement. It might even start some passionate arguments. Everyone has a different idea of who they are.

Most of us would include presidents on the list: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, maybe Franklin Roosevelt. We might look to America's founders: Thomas Jefferson and James Madison (also presidents), Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin and others.

But government leaders aren't the only ones who made the United States what it is. Inventors and entrepreneurs produce the tools and technologies that define our lives: Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell come to mind, along with recent figures like Steve Jobs and Bill Gates. Athletes, from Babe Ruth to Michael Jordan, inspire us

and capture our admiration. Writers, artists and entertainers help us understand the world and add meaning to our lives. Activists and idealists push America to live up to its ideals.

Listing the most important Americans in different categories is one way to approach the question. That's the tactic Smithsonian Magazine took a few years ago when it named "the 100 most significant Americans of all time." Building on the work of computer scientists who created algorithms to rate the historical significance of world figures, the magazine created several lists of the most important Americans, only 11 of them presidents.

One of the most compelling categories was "rebels and resisters." It included Thomas Paine, the pamphleteer who inspired the American Revolution; Frederick Douglass, the great 19th century abolitionist and orator; John Brown, whose ill-fated raid helped push the conflict over slavery to a crisis; and Martin Luther King Jr., who became the voice of the civil rights movement in the mid-20th century. It included women's rights crusaders Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Native American leaders Tecumseh and Sitting Bull.

Women were underrepresented on the overall list, not surprisingly given their lack of full citizenship for much of our history. But the magazine rightfully recognized Helen Keller, Oprah Winfrey, Sojourner Truth, Jane Addams and other influential women.

Religious figures were prominent: Ann Hutchinson, William Penn, Roger Williams, Jonathan Edwards and Cotton Mather from the colonial era and Billy Graham from our own time. "Trailblazers" shaped the contours of the nation: the explorers Lewis and Clark and their guide Sa-

gawea, the mountaineer and wilderness champion John Muir; and Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon.

We are a nation that loves sports, and athletes would be on many of our lists of important Americans; Jim Thorpe, Jackie Robinson, Muhammad Ali, Billie Jean King and others have inspired us with their skill. Pop icons like Mark Twain, Elvis Presley, Charlie Chaplin and Marilyn Monroe created a distinctly American culture. "Empire builders" Andrew Carnegie, Henry Ford and Walt Disney exemplified the genius of American capitalism.

The Smithsonian list also included Americans whose impact was arguably not positive: Robert E. Lee, who led the Confederate army in a bloody defense of slavery, as well as outlaws and villains like Jesse James, Al Capone and John Dillinger.

Of course, we could argue that our nation owes its greatness to millions of ordinary Americans who are little known outside their family and friends. Settlers who endured hardship to scratch out a living from the land. Immigrants who crowded into tenements and kept our factories running. Enslaved people who built fortunes for others. Soldiers who fought and died in our wars.

I've named a few important Americans, but I've certainly left out many deserving of mention. We all have our own ideas about who they are, and we will defend our choices passionately. That's part of what makes us Americans.

Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

The slap heard 'round the world

By Rob Okun

One small step backward for man, one giant leap backward for kind men.

Inverting the famous words Neil Armstrong uttered after walking on the moon a half century ago feels appropriate in the aftermath of the Will Smith slap heard 'round the world.

For many years, I led batterer intervention groups, working with men either mandated by the courts to address their domestic abuse issues and others who were "mandated" by their partners to get help or get out. Group leaders regularly heard men reluctantly admitting - or actively denying - that they'd abused their partners. From time to time there'd be stories not too dissimilar to Will Smith's: physically and/or verbally assaulting someone they knew.

In this latest Hollywood chapter of men behaving badly, there already have been a number of insightful commentaries from African American writers. My focus is on the impact the incident may have on the ongoing work of redefining masculinity. I'm worried that the slap has already harmed the antisexist men's movement and will embolden more men to enact violence. I'm also concerned about the message it sends to boys.

Will Smith didn't call out Chris Rock backstage; he assaulted him in the full glare of the Academy Awards klieg lights, before a global television audience of millions. With one slap, the acclaimed movie star threatened the fragile progress of not just the batterers' intervention movement. Group

leaders only have 30 or 40 weeks to teach men how to undo 30 or 40 years of male socialization. How tragic that Smith didn't simply comfort his wife - and turn the other cheek, rather than slap Rock's.

Smith grew up with a father who regularly beat his mother; him, too, sometimes. "When I was nine years old, I watched my father punch my mother in the side of the head so hard that she collapsed," he wrote in his 2021 autobiography. "I saw her spit blood. That moment in that bedroom, probably more than any other moment in my life, has defined who I am."

Smith was doubly traumatized, first by the violence he witnessed, then by not doing anything to stop it - even though he was only nine! Male socialization's grip is so strong that even at that young age he'd gotten the message that boys are responsible for protecting women, especially moms. Does that context, that "explanation" help us to understand why he assaulted Rock? Sure. Still, there is no excuse for his violence. But knowing about his childhood makes it easier to understand what he might have been thinking: "I didn't protect my mother; damn right I'm gonna protect my wife."

It was only a handful of years after Armstrong's 1969 moonwalk that a small number of men, inspired by the insights of the powerful, nascent women's movement, began reevaluating their notions of manhood and, by extension, masculinity. In the decades that followed these men, known as "antisexist" or, goddess

forbid, "profeminist," began rejecting conventional expressions of manhood - tough talk, stoicism and, all too often, violence. Instead, over time, they began listening to women, being vulnerable and replacing confrontation with collaboration.

Today, this movement is global, working to transform patriarchal masculinities and rigid, harmful norms around "being a man." It collaborates with men and boys and women on gender justice issues through intersectional feminist approaches, and develops programs in partnership with and accountability to women's rights, gender equality and other social justice movements. There were stumbles along the way, but these men were determined to leave the old masculinity "in search of the new compassionate male," as a podcast launched by a former Marine a couple of years ago puts it.

Not long after slapping Rock, Smith was back on stage receiving the Oscar for best male actor. In emotional remarks, he suggested that a "higher power" was inviting him "to love people and to protect people and to be a river to my people." A

wonderful aspiration, but hardly attainable if that river has blood in it.

The following day, Smith posted an apology to Rock, saying in part, "Violence in all of its forms is poisonous and destructive... I was out of line and I was wrong. I'm embarrassed and my actions were not indicative of the man I want to be... There is no place for violence in a world of love and kindness."

His admission that his actions "were not indicative of the man I want to be" appears heartfelt. Now, what? I hope Will Smith continues the painful growth work of examining his childhood wounds as both witness to and victim of his father's violence.

Perhaps then he'll decide to leverage his celebrity to advance the efforts men are making globally to stop men's violence and transform masculinities into "a world of love and kindness."

Doing so would infuse new meaning into Neil Armstrong's unforgettable line, "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Rob Okun, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is editor-publisher of Voice Male magazine.

Quote of the week

"Nothing can take the sting off the world's problems like watching millionaires present each other golden statues."
— Billy Crystal

Rural people have a better sense of direction than urban dwellers

By Heather Chapman
The Rural Blog

"People who grew up in the country have a better sense of direction and navigational skills than those raised in cities, a study has found," Agence France-Presse reports. This is something many rural people have long believed about urbanites; now we have proof.

"To find out how childhood environment influences navigation ability, scientists looked at how almost 400,000 people from 38 countries played a mobile video game designed for neuroscience research," AFP reports.

According to the study, which was published in Nature, players of the Sea Hero Quest game navigated a boat to find checkpoints on a map. The game was created in 2016 to study Alzheimer's disease, but has since been played by nearly 4 million people, AFP reports.

"We found that growing up outside cities appears to be good for the development of navigational abilities, and this seems to be influenced by the lack of complexity of many street networks in cities," lead researcher Hugo Spiers of University College London told AFP.

Co-lead author Antoine Coutrot of France's University of Lyon noted that people from cities with complicated layouts such as Paris and Prague fared much better than those from grid-based cities like Chicago: "Growing up somewhere with a more complex layout of roads or paths might help with navigational skills as it requires keeping track of direction when you're more likely to be making multiple turns at different angles, while you might also need to remember more streets and landmarks for each journey."

That has implications in the United States, where most of the landscape is overlaid with rectangular grids, but not most of the Eastern U.S. -- except the states north of the Ohio River that were part of the Northwest Territory, governed by the Northwest Ordinance, which divided the land into grids of townships, a system used as Americans migrated west. Next time you fly over the Ohio, notice the difference in how the landscape is laid out.

The researchers also developed and tested users on a new game called City Hero Quest to see how well rural and urban people navigated in cities. "People raised in cities did manage better in grid street plans than those who grew up in the country -- but the difference was nowhere near as stark as the other way around," AFP reports. Coutrot noted that adult urbanites can improve their sense of direction if they work at it, but said it's much easier when one is young.

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Donation to Sourcewell

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$150 to Sourcewell in Staples. Pictured, from left, are Paul Drange, Director of Regional Programs at Sourcewell; and Staples Host Lions President Ken Christensen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples Sportsmen's Club Field Day Apr. 23

The Staples Sportsmen's Club Field Day and On-line All Day Field Day will be held Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Students must be 12 years old by the start of this year's deer hunting season. Students from the local area will be accepted, with priority give to students from the Staples/Motley area. To register for classes, or for questions, call Darlys or Jon Hamberg (Staples) at 218-894-2255 (8 - 4 Mon. - Fri.) or 218-894-2608 after 6 p.m.; or Bob Konig (Motley) at 218-352-6390.

Cardinal Calendar SM school events

April

- SUBSECTION VOCAL SOLO/ ENSEMBLE AT PINE RIVER-BACKUS April 13
- No SCHOOL April 15
- FFA STATE CONVENTION April 24-26

May

- DFS AWARDS NIGHT May 4
- PROM AT CAMP SHAMINEAU, GRAND MARCH AT 5:30 P.M. May 8

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

Eggstravaganza!

Let Staples-Motley National Honor Society "Egg" your yard!

Saturday, April 16
Hiding eggs beginning 9 a.m. Get 20 colorful, candy filled eggs hidden in your front yard by NHS students! This would be great for your own yard or a family or friend's yard who has kids.
Contact Holly Westad, 218-894-5400 ext. 3109 or email: holly.westad@isd2170.k12.mn.us
Addresses and allergy alerts needed by April 13.
If rain, we will leave the bag on eggs on your front door for you to hide later.

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Mark Your Calendar

April 6, 7

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., through April 14, Staples City Hall. Must call for an appointment at 218-296-2159. For low to moderate income taxpayers.

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.

'GRIEFSHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through May 26. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

April 8

WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

April 11

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

April 30

FREE BABYSITTING AT STAPLES CHURCH OF CHRIST Saturday, April 30, from 6 - 9:30 p.m. Available to ages infant to 5th grade. Snacks provided, games, crafts, movies, a lot of fun. Limited space available. Text reservations to 218-851-5052.

CHRIST THE KING - BROWERVILLE ANNUAL MEN'S HAM DINNER

Palm Sunday, April 10

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CITY PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. SEEKING FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE

The City of Kerkhoven, MN, Public Works Department, is seeking a full-time Public Works Supervisor starting immediately. A complete job description and benefits package is available upon request.

Minimum requirements: Possess a MN Class D Water Operator's and Class C Sewer Operator's License and able to obtain a Class B Driver's License within 6 months of employment. Have a valid MN Class D Driver's License and a satisfactory driving record. All applicants will be required to have a physical and are subject to a drug test. **Starting wages \$53,830-\$71,780 per year/DOQ**, plus excellent benefits. This is a non-union position.

TO APPLY: All applicants must complete and submit an application for employment packet. Application forms can be obtained at City Hall Monday-Thursday from 8am-5pm and Fridays 8am-noon or by calling 320-264-2581 or by email: kerkhovenclerk@gmail.com.

Submit completed applications in drop box or by mail to: City of Kerkhoven, 208 N 10th St, PO Box 116, Kerkhoven, MN 56252. The City of Kerkhoven is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CITY OF KERKHOVEN

208 10th Street North • Box 116
Kerkhoven, Minnesota 56252

•Minnesota Firearm Safety Class•

Traditional Classroom FAS classes will be held:

April 11, 6:45 p.m.-9 p.m.,
Staples Sportsmans Club and Motley City Hall

Classes also run: **April 12, 14, 18, 19, 21**
Field Day and On-Line All Day Field Day:
April 23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (approx. time)

Students must be 12-years-old by the start of deer hunting.
Accepting students from the local area;
Staples/Motley area students receiving priority.

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES OR FOR QUESTIONS CALL:

- Darlys, Jon Hamberg, Staples, 218-894-2255, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or 218-894-2608 after 6 p.m.
- Bob Koenig, Motley, 218-352-6390

Public Notices

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NOTICE MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Township of Moose Lake, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made. If you believe the value or classification of your

property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Karen Roubal, Clerk
Moose Lake Township
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TODD COUNTY HRA BERTHA MANOR APARTMENTS REHABILITATION BERTHA, MN SECTION 00 0100 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BID DOCUMENTS

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION: Sealed bid proposals will be received in accordance with the construction contract documents, as prepared by Studio E Architects, LLC for:

Name of Project:
TODD COUNTY HRA BERTHA MANOR APARTMENTS REHABILITATION BERTHA, MN
Address of Project: 201 2nd Ave. NE, Bertha, MN 56437

According to the drawings and specifications prepared by **STUDIO E ARCHITECTS, LLC** and described as: Todd County HRA, Bertha Manor Apartments Rehabilitation, Bertha, MN
All bids must be prepared on the form provided in the Specification Manual and submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders (Section 00 0200).

All bids must be accompanied by the **Responsible Contractor Verification of Compliance Form**.

BID TIME: Sealed bids will be received until **THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022 AT 3:00 PM CDT.**

Late bids received will be returned unopened to the submitter.

BID LOCATION: Sealed bid proposals for the **Todd County HRA, Bertha Manor Apartments Rehabilitation, Bertha, MN** to be provided in accordance with the construction contract documents, as prepared by Studio E Architects, LLC, will be publicly opened and read aloud at Bertha Manor Apartments, community room, 201 2nd Ave. NE, Bertha, MN 56437. Bids may be hand delivered at the bid opening location prior to the bid time (do not mail to Bertha Manor), or will be received until noon on the day of the bid opening at the office of Kim Wallace, Executive Director, Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, 300 Linden Avenue S., Browerville, MN 56438. *No faxed or electronic bids will be accepted.* Sealed bid envelopes shall be marked with the Bidder's Name and address.

BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$15 by inputting Quest project # 8103641 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN, com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com

questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of project documents is also available for a nonrefundable price of \$159.55 per set which includes applicable sales tax and shipping. Please make your check to payable to Docunet Corporation and send it to 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441. Please contact Docunet at 763-475-9600 if you have any questions.

Bidding documents may also be reviewed by appointment at the office of the Architect or Owner:

STUDIO E ARCHITECTS, LLC
19 East Minnesota Avenue
Glenwood, MN 56334
Contact: Stephanie Howe or Eric Norum
Phone: 320-634-9939

e-mail: showe@studioearch.com or enorum@studioearch.com

TODD COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
300 Linden Avenue S.
Browerville, MN 56438
Contact: Kim Wallace,
Executive Director

Phone: 320-594-6388
e-mail: toddcountyhra@yahoo.com

Contract documents will be available to contractors on or about **March 17, 2022.**

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A pre-bid conference for all interested contractors will be held on **Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. CDT** at the Bertha Manor Apartments located at: 201 2nd Ave. NE, Bertha, MN 56437 (pre-bid conference attendance is not mandatory).

BID SECURITY: Bid security is required per specification.

If awarded a contract, each successful Bidder shall be required to furnish both Performance and Payment Bonds covering faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all obligations arising under such contract. Such bonds shall be submitted on the forms included in the specifications, in the amount equal to 100% payment.

Bids may not be withdrawn or modified within thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of the bids without the consent of the owner.

Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

END OF SECTION 00 0100

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Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Tiffany Jones and Neil Schaefer of Sebeka, a baby boy, Colt Dwight weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on March 25, 2022.

Born to Anna and Dustin Littlefield of Motley, twins, a baby girl, Lucy Mae weighing five pounds, eight ounces and a baby boy, Colt Charles weighing five pounds, three ounces on March 28, 2022.

Born to Paige and Brandon Sterriker of Staples, a baby girl, Reese Marie weighing six pounds, nine ounces on March 29, 2022.

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DEADLINES
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Obituaries

Archie Starrett

Archie "Butch" Frank Starrett, 71, of Motley, passed away March 23, 2022.

A celebration of life will be held at his farm on July 9, 2022. All family and friends are invited.

Butch was born April 19, 1950 to Harold Golner and Dorothy Starrett in Dickinson, ND.

Left to cherish his memory is one daughter, Morgan "Lisa" (Matt) Hansen; one grandson, Jamison; longtime girlfriend, Shirley Snow and two sisters, Vicki Gronhoy and Barbara Roach.

Butch is preceded in death by his parents.



Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

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Peter Bartczak

Peter George Bartczak, 92, of Staples and formerly of Biwabik, passed away March 27, at his home with his wife, children and family by his side.

A Celebration of Life was held April 2 at the Thomastown Covenant Church, 15940 251st Ave., Staples, at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the celebration at the church.

Peter was born December 12, 1929 and raised in Sturgeon Lake. He and Lavonne met on a blind date, got married while on a 10-day leave before Peter departed for France during the Korean Conflict. He served proudly in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. Lavonne was not to see him again for over a year. It was an amazing love story that lasted for 70 years. Upon Peter's return, he started working for Minnesota Power and Light, now MN Power. He was a maintenance mechanic and welder for 30 years. He could fix anything, even the neighborhood kids knew and stopped over for bike repairs and more. He never turned a kid away. Peter and Lavonne together cared for not only their own four children, but 55 foster children over the years, many physically and mentally impaired. The couple's motto was, "There's always room for one more."

There never was man with a more kind heart. He was never without a "mint" in his pocket for all he met.



More importantly, no one left his house without a very big hug. If Peter knew you - or even if he didn't - you received a hug from the big man with the big heart. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. He will be sorely missed by his family and all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lavonne, to whom he was married for 70 years; three daughters, Laverne Hakly of Dewey, Arizona; Marie Bartczak (Steve Laats) of Goodyear, AZ and Diane Bartczak (David Doyle) of Phoenix, AZ; one son, Gary (Jacque) Bartczak of Staples; special foster son, Kevin Peterson of Iron; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nine brothers and sisters.

Arrangements are with the Iten Funeral Home of Brownville.

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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
Pastor Chris Mathiason
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
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
Pastor Chris Mathiason
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218-575-2449
www.lincolnfree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
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
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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

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524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
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Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
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Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups 6:30-8 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night 5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Pastor Jill Pawlowski
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Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Seeds of Hope 7:00 p.m.

Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Margery Haidle

Margery "Margie" Haidle of East Bethel, formerly of Staples, eased from her husband's devoted arms into joyful eternity to be with Jesus, her Salvation on March 25, 2022 at her home.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date following cremation with an inurnment at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Margery Marie was born June 21, 1952 to Joseph and Julia Mertens in Bertha, arriving 10 minutes ahead of her sister.

Margie married Kenneth Haidle on June 5, 1971 and they were blessed with a daughter one year later. They made their home in Oregon and Arizona, while Ken worked at Benson Optical in Utah and Minnesota. After returning to Minnesota, Margie also worked for Benson Optical in Minnetonka for 10 years. She worked 15 years at Riverway Records as a receptionist, in registration and medical records. She enjoyed crocheting, thrift shopping, reading and decorating. Her understating of caring for varieties of flowers and the benefits of herbs was always welcomed. In 2000 the couple built a home in East Bethel allowing for many years to enjoy the nearness of grandchildren and their parents which brought many blessings to her.

To the amazement of family, friends and Hospice staff, after being diagnosed with cancer Margie endured four months beyond her prognosis without pain medication. Her constant faith and trust in her Lord,



Jesus Christ sustained her peace, joy, eternal hope and was an inspiration to everyone she had contact with, always giving Him glory.

She will be greatly missed while her love to all remains. She is survived by her husband, "Ken"; one daughter, Katharine (Craig) Uhl; four granddaughters, Chrystle (Donny) Windish, Kayla Uhl, Kaitlyn (Michael) Metheny and Christen Uhl; seven great-grandchildren, Donny Windish, IV, Cassidy Windish, Axel Windish, Talia Jolson, Myles Jolson, Liam Metheny, Nova Metheny; two sisters, Carol Ford and twin sister, Margaret (Kerry) West; many nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one great-grandson, Bentley "Bo" Windish; two brothers, Robert "Bob" Mertens and Charles "Charlie" Mertens; one sister-in-law, LuAnn (Erbe) Mertens and one brother-in-law, Keith Ford.

Arrangements were by Mattson Funeral and Cremation Service, Forest Lake.

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"Palm Sunday: April 10"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Acrostics help me see a bigger picture in a helpful way. I hope the same can be true for you as we prepare for this coming Sunday.

- P** - The praises of the people are given to Jesus. -Matthew 21:8-9
- A** - God always deserves the constant worship in heaven. -Revelation 4:8
- L** - We live our very being in God. -Acts 17:28
- M** - We give back to God the gift of music that He gives to us. -Psalm 150

- S** - As sinners, we need Him as our Savior. -John 3:5; Acts 4:12
- U** - Make sure that we don't underestimate our need. -Romans 3:23
- N** - God will never leave us or forsake us. -Hebrews 13:5-6
- D** - God is Deity as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. John 1:1; Mark 1:10-11
- A** - God is always loving you. -Romans 8:35-39
- Y** - God's personal call is to you to give your life to Him. II Corinthians 6:2

May our Palm Sunday preparations become our daily preparations throughout the year. There is a lot to ponder. It is so agonizingly humbling that the praises on Palm Sunday became the vicious "Crucify Him" days later.

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Student Achievements

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY has announced its 2021 Fall Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 or higher grade point average during the semester. Local students named include:

- Marilyn Ellis, Pillager
- Victoria Whiddon, Pillager
- Kyle Huepenbecker, Staples
- Olivia Leslie, Staples
- Claire Wolhowe, Staples

Thank you for reading the Staples World newspaper.



Klefsaas named football honors scholar-athlete



Staples-Motley High School's Sivert Klefsaas has been named a Scholar-Athlete by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

This annual award honors Minnesota high school football players for their outstanding athletic, academic and community service accomplishments. Klefsaas, a native of Motley, Minnesota, is one of eight scholar-athletes who will be recognized during this summer's Minnesota Football Honors show.

"Sivert's academic and community service accomplishments jumped out," said Todd Fultz, President of the Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation. "He pushed himself with a difficult academic schedule and made key contributions on and off the football field. We look forward to honoring him during the show."

Sivert Klefsaas, a two-time All-District and All-Area selection, quickly became one of the best offensive players in the region. Klefsaas finished his career with 2,240 career yards (6.7 yards per carry) and 29 touchdowns. He also contributed on defense, accumulating 86 tackles, eight forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries.

"Sivert led our team in yards, rushing & receiving and touchdowns for two seasons. He was a two-way athlete that never came off the field," said Staples-Motley head coach Chris Kappler. "During our Week 5 game this year, Sivert went

down with a foot injury that ended up sidelining him for the remainder of the season. In response to his injury, Sivert dedicated himself to helping his teammates."

Klefsaas' leadership, service and positivity extended into his local community too. He accumulated more than 200 community service hours by working with Special Olympics, Feed My Starving Children and Camp Shamineau. Klefsaas also spread his love for sports onto the next generation by coaching youth football and basketball. Academically, Sivert posted a 3.895 GPA, which placed him at the top of his class.

Minnesota Football Honors is hosting a show later this summer to honor its high school, college and Minnesota Vikings award winners. Full broadcast details will be announced in the coming weeks on www.minnesotafoundation.org.

The Minnesota Chapter of The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to promote amateur football's ability to develop leadership, sportsmanship, competitive spirit and academic excellence in Minnesota's young people. The Minnesota Chapter recognizes legendary football icons, college football Hall of Famers and Minnesota's top high school and college football scholar athletes. For more information, visit www.nffmn.org, or Facebook (@MNFootballHonors) and Twitter (@NFFMN).



Youth wrestlers find success at state

The Staples-Motley K-6 Youth Wrestling team beat Wabasso and Pierz on their way to their final 41-31 win over Brainerd to place 7th out of 32 teams at the NYWA State tournament this in Rochester. The K-6 team was also awarded the NYWA Tournament "Sportsmanship Award".

Pictured, front row from left, Maxx Carlson and Camrik Tappe; row two, Bennett Sonnenstahl, Andrew Dobson, Reed Leach, Ryker Pesta, Cora Tappe, Cygnus Walz and Ace de-Coup Crank; row three, Elliott Di-giovanni, Tayden Weishair, and Garrett Bjerga; standing,

Jayden Rogers, Gavin Caldwell, Beau Carlson, Jacob Reeck, Jackson Odden, Gage Bjerga, Liam Jennissen, Cooper Tappe and Tristan Moore. The K-6 team is coached by Dan Bjerga and Chris Dobson (back row).

The Cardinals also sent 17 wrestlers to the NYWA Individual State tournament. They finished with 4 individual champions: Garrett Bjerga, Gage Bjerga, Caden Kramer and Colbe Tappe. Camrik Tappe, Turner Beachy and Eli Greenwaldt also placed 4th in their individual brackets.



Junior high team third at NYWA state wrestling

In the 7th-8th grade division, The Staples-Motley 7th-8th grade team finished in 3rd place out of 32 teams, dominating their final championship pool match over Zumbrota-Mazzeppa 30-15.

Pictured, front row from left, Caden Kramer, Colbe

Tappe, Justin Olson and Luke Bjerga; standing, Eli Greenwaldt, Jackson Schouville, Adrian Gomez, Reese Headley, Turner Beachy, Zach Tabatt, Riley Reese and Coach Owen Bjerga.

Outstanding wrestler

In addition to his championship finish in the 5-6 grade division, Garrett Bjerga, right, was also presented with the "NYWA Outstanding Wrestler" award, pinning his way to his first place finish.



Boys track team wins first indoor meet of season

The Staples-Motley track and field team ran an indoor meet at Concordia College in Moorhead on April 1.

The Cardinal boys team finished in first place in the meet, scoring in all phases of the meet: sprints, distance races, field events and relays. Remington Converse had a first place and second place in the sprint races. The 4x200 meter relay team of Converse, Sivert Klefsaas, Austin Weite and Noah Greenwaldt placed first. Logan Robben won the 3,200. Klefsaas, Issiah Tabatt and Avandre Brant had second place finishes.

In the girls meet, Kyanna Burton was an event winner in the 3,200. The team also got scoring performances from Nathalie Hahne, Ashley Robben and Audrey Brownell. The 4x800 relay team of Robben, Burton, Brownell and Naila Mikhaeil placed second.

Boys results

Staples-Motley 100, Minn-waska 88, Detroit Lakes 78, Fargo Davies 78, Moorhead 61.5, Sargent County 38.5, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 32, Maple River 31, NCE/UH 27, Enderlin 19, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville 17
55 meter dash - 1. Remington Converse 6.80, 5. Cory Hansen 7.04, 11. Austin Weite 7.20, 24. Sivert Klefsaas 7.44,
200 - 2. Converse 24.68, 9. Hansen 25.95, 10. Weite 26.00, 15. Hunter Miller 26.35 57 Owen

Winter 30.16
400 - 2. Klefsaas 57.69, 5. Noah Greenwaldt 58.90, 8. Odin Trif 1:02, 10. Deven Kadus 1:02, 19. Will Dolezal 1:07
800 - 19. Blaine Plattner 2:37, 23. Dillon Robben 2:38
1,600 - 2. Issiah Tabatt 5:24, 11. D. Robben 5:55, 12. Grant Johnson 6:00
3,200 - 1. Logan Robben 11:10 55 hurdles - 7. Avandre Brandt 10.25, 10. Noah Larson 10.84
4x200 - 1. (Converse, Klefsaas, Weite, Greenwaldt) 1:39
4x400 - 5. (Kadus, Blake Neelan, Larson, Winter) 4:11
4x800 - 2. (L Robben, Trif, Tabatt, Johnson) 9:53
High jump - 2. Brandt 5'6", 8. Miller 5'2", 14. L Robben 4'10", 15. Plattner 4'8"
Long jump - 5. Converse 17'9", 17. Brandt 15'11"
Triple jump - 4. Greenwaldt 37'11", 5. Sawyer Ferdon 35'7", 8. Ramiro Gallardo 33'11"
Shot put - 20. Steven Petrich 32'10", 21. Ferdon 32'9", 30. Drake Dukowitz 29'5"

Girls results

Fargo Davies 101.5, Minn-waska 91.5, Detroit Lakes 90.5, Moorhead 67.5, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 61, Staples-Motley 49, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville 42, Maple River 25.5, Sargent County SARG 21, Enderlin 20.5
55 - 2. Nathalie Hahne 8.01, 23. Maddison Bartle 8.32, 35. Camden Anderson 8.52, 56. Bailey Weiland 8.94
200 - 26. Abby Brichacek 33.38, 30. Annie Schlosser 34.52
400 - 13. Audrey Brownell 1:09, 30. Mireia Pablos 1:19, 31.

Suhaila Mikhaeil 1:21, 32. Bella Hines 1:22
800 - 3. Ashley Robben 2:43, 19. Addisyn Cichos 3:14
1,600 - 5. Brownell 5:53, 7. Naila Mikhaeil 6:29, 8. Sophie Schlosser 6:38, 16. S. Mikhaeil 6:56
3,200 - 1. Kyanna Burton 12:22, 4. Hines 13:38
55 hurdles - 13. Weiland 10.87, 14. Hahne 10.89, 17. Anderson 11.29, 19. Avery Japke, 21. Ronnie Noska 11.50, 24. Brichacek 12.77
4x200 - 17. (Jorja Kobliska, A. Schlosser, Pablos, Mariona Caminal Gimenez) 2:18
4x400 - 8. (S. Schlosser,

Brichacek, Japke, S. Mikhaeil) 5:23
4x800 - 2. (Robben, N. Mikhaeil, Burton, Brownell) 10:55
High Jump - 11. Brownell 4'3", 27. Caminal Gimenez 3'11", 31. Japke 3'11"
Long jump - 20. Bartle 12'5", 24. Anderson 12'2", 28. Weiland 11'4"
Triple jump - 8. Hahne 29'2", 9. Jayce Kobliska 29'0", 14. Jo. Kobliska 27'9", 22. Noska 24'9"
Shot put - 9. Madsen Hull 28'7, 22. Grace Jennissen 24'6", 36. A. Schlosser 21'0"



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A country in mourning

Hundreds of Ukrainian civilians have been killed and hundreds more injured since Russia invaded their country Feb. 24, 2022. Stepan Strilchuk of the Ukraine, a former farm worker in Browerville, sent

this newspaper photo of caskets lined up in a Ukrainian city, one of which contains the body of Strilchuk's good friend who died in the war while trying to protect his country.

UKRAINE continued from page 1a

Changed by war

for every cent you send me. Here is millions of refugees who needs help especially kids who stay without the parents. Food, clothes, toys, because we don't want to take childhood from them, all of them don't understand why people killing each other, and why they can't come back home... our children is our future, and future of humanity. So please I know these money for you it's like cup of coffee in the morning, but for someone could be one more day of life.

Hitler. He is a monster. Russian troops open the fire on hospitals, schools, houses... already destroyed many good places in big cities. Killing kids and old people. Most of Russian soldiers are boys 18-21 years old. Some of them drop the weapons and run away. Some of them become a prisoner. But most of them are dying. Putin doesn't care even about his own people.

This war changed my life. I will never be the same again. And because of one man.

Last week I lost one of good friend of mine, my classmate. He was young

and good friend, full of optimistic. But he died on the war. The war for nothing. And only because of one man...and now his son is left without a father, his wife without her husband, his mother without her son. And for what?! We try to help everyone but our resources come to an end.

I will stay in Ukraine until the war ends, but when it's over I will visit USA again to do something good and spend one more fabulous year, maybe even more than one year.

Thank you for your prayers.

Timbs featured on 'Prairie Musicians'

Gary Timbs, Staples, is one of the featured artists on a new musical program on YouTube. Timbs' performance will debut on April 14, with one artist featured every week up until then.

Prairie Public TV is debuting a new season of "Prairie Musicians" to focus the spotlight on regional talent — recorded live in Prairie Public's downtown Fargo studio. Thirty-minute sets will premiere on Thursdays at 9 p.m., and the shows will also be available on the PBS Video app and on Prairie Public's YouTube channel.

The new season includes the following artists:

January 27 • Annie Mack's soulful blues sound has garnered attention from top clubs, arts centers and rock venues in the Midwest.

February 3 • Wildly Appropriate is a band based in Bismarck, N.D., and they describe their music as "groovy garage rock."

February 10 • Dramatic soprano Heather Hjelle is pursuing a career in Chicago when the pandemic hit. She moved back to the family farm in Barrett, and is teaching and performing in communities throughout the region.

February 17 • Rachel Meyer is a student at Minnesota State University Moorhead with aspirations for a career in music. She brought her ukulele to the "Prairie Musicians" stage.

February 24 • Blue Red Roses, from Battle Lake, craft melody-laden hooks with an organic groove and nostalgic sound. Mary and



Gary Timbs

Dan Olson collaborate in the songwriting process.

March 17 • Aaron Tinjum and the Tangents started as a folk rock project, but have since broadened their sound to include Americana-country. They've released several albums and music videos.

March 24 • Greg Hager hails from Valley City, N.D., and is an accomplished songwriter and musician, especially in the world of western music. He presents a heartfelt message in every original tune.

March 31 • Terry Mackner is a charismatic country artist from Gary, who has

recorded albums in Nashville and toured the Midwest. He's always working on new material and likes to collaborate.

April 7 • The Cropdusters are a rotating cast of local musicians from the Fargo and Moorhead communities who perform sets in varying combinations of instruments and musical genres.

April 14 • Southern born piano man Gary Timbs performs a blend of Gospel country and spiritual music Gary calls Staples his home and he performs through out the Midwest.

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