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This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 3	81	54	Sunny
Aug. 4	82	62	Sunny
Aug. 5	93	68	Sunny
Aug. 6	81	60	Rain
Aug. 7	82	59	M. Sunny
Aug. 8	83	60	Sunny
Aug. 9	83	62	Sunny

Last Year, 2021

	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 3	84°	60	M. Sunny
Aug. 4	76	62	M. Cloudy
Aug. 5	82	58	Sunny
Aug. 6	78	67	Rain
Aug. 7	77	65	Cloudy
Aug. 8	84	63	Sunny
Aug. 9	81	68	Sunny

Average Temps:

H = 81° Low = 59°

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Weatherwatcher

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Farmers Union looks to bring meat processing units to Staples

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Central Lakes College meat processing program already has a spin-off business in the works, before the first class has been held.

The Minnesota Farmers Union has proposed to purchase a five acre lot in the Staples Industrial Park to use as a base for mobile meat processing units that will coordinate with the new program at CLC. The lot they are looking at is next to the new Voyager facility, formerly the McKechnie building. The proposal is to pour slabs to park the mobile units and build an office building for staff at the location.

At the July 26 Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) board meeting, Minnesota Farmers Union President Gary Wertich and board member Carol Anderson explained the project proposal.

The Farmers Union would like to purchase a five acre lot for mobile meat cutting and cooler units. They will partner with CLC to use some of the mobile units from their program when the classes are not using them. They will also try to

hire students from the program for internships and as employees.

David Endicott, Dean of the Staples Campus, said their program will only need the units for a few weeks out of the year. Ridgewater College in Willmar is also starting a meat cutting program that will share the mobile units with CLC for another few weeks.

Endicott said the meat cutting units will be on the main campus so they can connect it with the new culinary program that is also starting this year. The Farmers Union facility would be within walking distance of the college.

Project history

Anderson said conversations about a meat cutting facility started five years ago. She was on the CLC advisory board and also the Farmers Union board. The need for meat cutters was apparent then, but it really became obvious when meat packing plants were shut down by the pandemic in 2020.

Anderson said there is a big demand for meat cutters, the wages are good and there are relatively few programs to train meat cutters.

The Farmers Union is a

nonprofit, but has started businesses in the past. Anderson said they operate Green View, which cleans all the wayside rests in Minnesota. They have a pet food facility in South Dakota, a hog processing facility in Iowa and a rendering plant in Long Prairie. They also run Farmers Kitchen and Bar in Minneapolis and sell food at the Minnesota State Fair.

"So this is in our wheelhouse," said Anderson.

"It's a huge step for us as an organization," said Wertich, "but we do have some expertise in this. We think it will work well."

The Farmers Union applied to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for funding, and were approved for \$3 million. Anderson said the application was graded so highly that they were told to come back if they needed more money. They also received \$500,000 from the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI).

The Farmers Union proposal is to have one set of modular units on their lot. The mobile units could be brought to where farmers can use it, not from farm to

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Bound for Hewitt The caravan moving a house from Staples to Hewitt July 28, crosses the overpass, heading south. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)



Traffic jam on 2nd Ave. NW

Vehicles and a buggy or two had to slow down entering Staples from 2nd Ave. NW July 28, as Anderson Building Movers, Paynesville, was at work near the Sunset Motel. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

School, city election filing now open

Filing for local elections opened Aug. 2, including school board and city council elections. The filing deadline is Aug. 16.

The Staples-Motley School Board will have three seats up for election. Those seats are currently held by Mary Freeman, Bruce Lund and Brad Anderson.

The City of Staples has three city council seats and the mayor's seat up for election. Chris Etzler is currently the mayor and the three seats up for election are held by Roy Miles, Ron Murray and Thomas Toeper.

The City of Motley has the mayor position and two council seats up for election this year. The current mayor

is Mike Schmidt, who took over after Al Yoder resigned in July. The two council seats are held by Jace Carlson and Nikki Bjerga, who replaced Amy Hutchison when she resigned in July.

School district residents who want to file to run for the school board can file at the District Office. City candidates can file at their city offices.

Primary election

The Minnesota primary election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 9. This election determines party candidates for the general election and narrows county races down to two candidates for each race.

Polling places are usually open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Crawford concludes walk of a lifetime

By Tom Crawford
Former Staples World editor

About midway on our trek across England, I happened to be in the lead of our group of five Coast to Coasters when, from the high grass and weeds just feet away, a rooster pheasant exploded into flight.

Wow! After I recovered from the surprise I realized I had traveled over 4,000 miles and had just experienced a scene that I had seen and heard many, many times in my youth, growing up on the prairies and hunting in fields of South Dakota. "I thought so many miles and so many years apart, yet so much alike."

In contrast, the rest of the trip featured many firsts.

My 'bucket list' Coast to Coast trip was made possible by the combined efforts of two beautiful granddaughters and their husbands. They are Alexis and Cyrus Chini from Los Angeles and Elizabeth and Christian Jones, who today call Chicago their home. The two girls grew up in Cottage Grove and graduated from high school in St. Paul.

Following two days in London, the Coast to Coast Walk for us began on the morning of June 21. After a hearty breakfast at the Manor Hotel in St. Bees, our group of five - four young people in their 30s full of vim and vinegar, and one

76 year old grandfather who should have known better- walked to the waters edge on the west coast of England. Following tradition, we dipped our shoes in the waters of the Irish Sea, picked up a pebble from the beach, and took our last close look at the village of St. Bees.

We turned north and followed a couple from Australia up the cliffs above the water. Most of the way the water was 300 to 400 feet below us. "Did I tell you guys I have a terrible fear of heights," I said as we walked a path less than five feet wide.

After about four miles, we bid the Irish Sea goodbye and turned east. For the next 12 days we trekked eastward just over 190 miles, encountering mountain ridges and lakes, beautiful valleys with ancient stone walls snaking up and down hillside pastures. From the tops of ridges and hills, we often looked down on cloud formations that seemed never-ending until the horizon stole them away.

Along the way we encountered tremendous people, fellow Coast to Coast hikers from Australia and Holland, other Americans and numerous folks from England. We received help and advice from our new friends and from total strangers.

One stranger turned new friend was Terry Davidson,



Traveling companions

Tom Crawford of Staples had the opportunity to hike the 'Coast to Coast' trail in England recently with his granddaughters and their husbands. Pictured from left are Christian and Elizabeth Jones, Chicago, Ill.; Crawford; Alexis and Cyrus Chini, Los Angeles, Calif. The trip, a gift from his granddaughters, had been at the top of Crawford's bucket list since retiring in 2010, after 29 years as editor at the Staples World. (Submitted photo)

resident of Cleator, a tiny hamlet we passed through the first day. We met him as he was walking his dog on a walking path. Very outgoing, he let us know he was a Chicago Bears fan as soon as he knew we were Americans. But when he was told that the big guy with us was a Chicago Bears player, it was Old Friends reunion for he and Christian.

They exchanged stories back and forth. Terry told about three separate trips to the U.S. to attend Bears games. Christian relayed stories about some of his teammates.

Terry gave us tips on which paths to use and we

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Council checks off on Railroad Days plans

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council approved Railroad Days road closures at their July 26 meeting.

Staples Chamber Board President Kathleen Ferrel presented the plan for Railroad Days, including downtown road closures for Saturday, Aug. 20.

Ferrel showed a map of the parade route, which will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, near the Staples-Motley Elementary School, travel south on 4th Street NE, turn left on 4th Ave. NE, before Sacred Heart Area School, and continue north on 5th Street NE, ending before the 3M building.

Downtown activities will include a kids zone, bounce houses and carnival games, a machinery hill area and multiple vendors.

The Women of Today Car Show is moved to the Sourcewell parking lot, since the traditional spot at the elementary school is under construction.

On Friday, Aug. 19, Beck's Burgers will host a car show and they are planning to bring in sand for sand volleyball on Saturday.

On Saturday, the evening street dance is scheduled for in front of B&B's bar.

Public hearings

The council also approved public hearings for their meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 23. They will hold one public hearin for their Continuous Improvement Plan and another for their plan of paving Airview Drive.

The council approved election judges for Aug. 9 primary, including Virginia Rollins, Mary Brauch, Bart Graves, Cindy Lindamann, Kathy Miles, Thomas Good, Rita Gaugert, Samantha Sweeney, Dale Williams, Brenda Halvorson and Charlene Sauer.



Perfect summer evening for an outdoor concert



At least 200 people brought their lawn chairs to Northern Pacific Park in Staples July 24, to listen to the music of Gary Timbs, Eric Neznik and Jason Franzen, part of the Music in the Park Series sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council.

Above: Gary Timbs, at the keyboard, opened with a set which included gospel and country.

Lower photo: Steve and Sandi Larson, along with their dog Roma, enjoyed listening to Eric Neznik (right) and Jason Franzen sing the Alan Jackson classic, "Livin' On Love," during their set. The Larsons hail from Lakeville, but have a cabin off Crookneck Lake in Motley. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Endorsed Republican Candidates
August 9 Primary Sample Ballot

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Michelle Fischbach

☒ Governor & Lt. Governor
Scott Jensen & Matt Birk

☒ District 5 State Senator
Bret Bussman

☒ Secretary of State
Kim Crockett

☒ Attorney General
Jim Schultz

☒ State Auditor
Ryan Wilson

☒ House of Representative 5B
Mike Wiener

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Johnson joins CLC administration

Central Lakes College announced the appointment of Mark Johnson as Interim Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mark to CLC," said Dr. Hara Charlier, President of Central Lakes College. "He brings a wealth of higher education knowledge and a true passion for helping students. He has hit the ground running and is already hard at work advancing our mission of helping students build their futures."

Johnson temporarily replaces Joy Bodin, who is serving as Interim President at Hennepin Technical College.

Johnson previously served as the Academic Dean at HTC, as well as the Dean of Business and Technology at San Jacinto College in Houston, Texas. He holds a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, and a Master of Arts (M.A.) from Winona State University. He is currently completing his Educational Doctorate (Ed.D.) at Winona State University.

"I'm impressed with CLC's Culture of Caring and its focus on creating a campus where every student can be successful," Johnson said. "It's exciting to be part of a college that is so student-centered. I love that CLC has everything



Mark Johnson

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EMPLOYMENT VARIABLES
The typical schedule is 37.5 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Informal on-call system. Additional hours may be required but vary based upon work-load demands.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
This position requires a dual application process. First, apply online at the Minnesota Merit System: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem/default.cfm>. and at Stevens County's website <http://www.co.stevens.mn.us> under "Employment Opportunities" by the closing date of August 15, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
ADA accommodations available. Stevens County is an EOE.

--Vote for--
Mike Wiener
August 9
Candidate for
House of
Representatives 5B



I'm Mike Wiener. I want to thank all of the people who attended the endorsing convention April 2 and overwhelmingly supported me to be the next representative for House District 5B. As candidates we were all asked if we would abide by or honor the endorsement. All the candidates gave their word that they would not go to the primary. It's not a good way to start a campaign to say you're not going to do something and then do it anyway.

The endorsement of the people is the only one of any value. Special interest and outside influences who endorse candidates all come with strings attached. When the special interest wants a bill passed they call on those favors. Favors are the currency of politics. So when your politicians are endorsed by special interest they work for the special interest not the people. During Covid the capital was closed to the public, but special interest lobbyists had access. That shows the influence special interests have and the reason why I rejected their endorsements.

When I received the endorsement from the people, I resigned from both the Todd County Planning and Zoning Board and as the deputy chair of the Todd County Republicans. Minnesota does not have a "resign to run law," but it should. Other states require board members and nonpartisan elected positions like sheriff and county commissioners to resign before they run for partisan positions. The chance of conflict of interest is too great. Would you want a board member voting in order to gain votes? Or a county commissioner using their position to influence elections? Good people don't need to be compelled by law to do the right thing.

I would like to thank the Todd and Cass County Republicans for their donations and the people who have donated to our campaign. Primaries are expensive. We have self-funded this campaign as much as possible. When gas is four dollars a gallon, inflation is 9% and taxes are out of control, I cannot ask the people to donate for a primary. According to campaign finance my opponent is spending three times more money on his campaign than we are. That doesn't include the mailers that are being sent by special interest and political action committees. Candidates who are willing to spend these amounts on a primary will have no problem spending your tax dollars when they're in office.

Sanctity of life. I'm glad that more candidates are using that term. Sanctity of life means more than just opposing abortion. Life starts at conception until natural death. Sanctity of life means all life is precious and we have seen the catastrophic effects when society loses that view. As a father of nine I am 100% pro-life and will always fight for the rights of the unborn and our elderly.

The Second Amendment is very clear, "the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed". Weak politicians cave every time there is another tragedy. We cannot just defend the Second Amendment, but need to push back on legislation that restricts our rights.

Wadena County is the third highest taxed county in the state, Minnesota ranks ninth for taxes. We are driving business and people out of our state. Nearly 20,000 people and countless businesses have left for lower taxed states. We need to eliminate the Social Security Tax, the Income Tax and re-evaluate Property Tax.

We need change in government. We cannot keep electing career politicians who are in the back pockets of special interests. We need someone who sees the issues, someone who will fight for the people, not a political career. We need change and that's why I'm running. Please Vote for Mike Wiener August 9. Thank you.

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a student could want: Career and technical programs, transfer pathways, a vibrant fine arts community, athletics, student leadership opportunities, and so much more. Also, CLC has such a positive impact on the community and the economy here, and I can't wait to be part of that."

Motley police

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

July 20 - 26

July 23 - The MPD issued a citation to Benjamin Moon, 25, for driving while suspended.

July 23 - The MPD issued a citation to Anna Larson, 26, for driving after cancellation and no proof of insurance.

July 20 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Logan Seitzinger, 21; Terry Hanson, 60; Tiffany Sturup, 38; Brianne Manness, 28; Craig Denny, 58; Jacob Denny, 19; Michael Koller, 69; Dallas Johnson, 45; Olivia Vanrisseghem, 19; Tristan Zetah, 18; Ronee Downwind, 39.

July 24 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Esiason Bartle, 18.

July 21 - The MCSO received a report of a cow on the roadway at Dove Rd. and 340th St., Cushing. The MCSO made contact with the owner, who stated the cow had been on the run for three days. The owner was able to locate the animal and was working on getting it back home.

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DEADLINES
Newspaper deadline for copy
and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

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Farmers Union looking at option to expand mobile units

farm but at a common place that farmers in different locations can use. For example, Wertich said they are in talks with the feedlot in Motley to determine a possible partnership.

The location in Staples also allows for expansion if the business grows.

Wertich said there are a lot of options for who can use the business and where the meat will go. Their original plan is for the meat to go back to the farmer to sell or use.

“A lot of farmers who have customers don’t have a place to process it,” said Anderson. “There is such a backup, you might wait a year to get a steer processed.”

The Farmers Union is open to other options as well. They could have the units become USDA certified, which would allow them to send the meat to grocery stores or restaurants.

“It’s about providing more local food to the community,” said Wertich.

They are already looking at adding a second cooler and a unit for smoking meats, said Wertich.

Endicott said the CLC meat cutting program will send meat back to the farmers, but also will use some for the culinary program and the student food shelf. The college is looking at adding a second semester that would teach students how to smoke meats and make sausage, among other specialties. CLC also has a entrepreneurial program

so graduates can start their own business.

The proposed lot in the industrial park is owned by the SEDA. Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman said she will move forward with plans to sell the lot to the Farmers Union. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said they will make plans to run water, sewer and electric service to the lot.

Staples Police report

July 11, Staples Police, along with the Staples Ambulance, responded to a report of a medical at Holiday, with a party reported to be in altered mental state, who had fallen. Police learned that the subject had been assigned as a missing person by family in Cass County. The subject’s family was contacted and they came and picked up the subject.

July 12, Staples Police received a report of a child walking on 2nd Avenue with a gun. Police located two juveniles and found it to be a fake gun and they stated they were playing. Police advised the juveniles along with the adult that was supposed to be watching them.

July 15, Staples Police received information on a vehicle that has been parking in the city hall parking lot and people were possibly living out of it. Police spoke with two people in the vehicle who indicated they were living out of the car and actively looking for a place to live. The subjects were advised.

July 15, Staples Police spoke with a subject who appeared to be sleeping between the doors at city hall. The subject was advised.

July 15, Staples Police received a report of three young kids playing near the railroad tracks. Police spoke with the three juveniles.

July 15, Staples Police received a report of a camper parked in a lot at Dower Lake that wasn’t registered in the lot. Another party was already registered there and waiting to get in. Police advised park director that they could have the vehicle towed as it was on private property.

July 15, Staples Police assisted Minn. State Patrol with a driving complaint on Highway 10 and Warner Road. It was reported two motorcycles were traveling westbound from Motley, driving erratically at a high rate of speed and turned off northbound on County Road 83. Police observed from a distance two motorcycles coming into town and near city limits they turned around and sped off at a high rate of speed. Police did not pursue as it was a long distance away and quickly lost sight of them.

July 20, Staples Police were requested to assist a Minn. State Trooper who had a vehicle evade him and was last seen in the 300 block of 3rd Ave. NE. The State Trooper described the vehicle as a white Chevy Impala with a male driver and tinted windows. Police assisted in searching the area but was unable to locate the vehicle.

July 21, Staples Police observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Highway 10 between Lake-

wood Hospital and town. Radar indicated the vehicle was traveling 89 mph. Police advised Motley Police, who were able to get the vehicle stopped.

July 21, Staples Police were dispatched to 6th Street NE for a report of a missing vulnerable adult. The individual was later located with family members in Tracy, Minnesota.

July 21, Staples Police were dispatched to report of possible drug paraphernalia located in the bathroom of Casey’s gas station. The items were collected by law enforcement and the complainant was advised.

July 22, Staples Police observed a large fire at the airport. Staples Fire Department was called to respond.

July 22, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle that was stolen from the Casey’s gas pumps. Police arrived and met with the reporting party. After investigation it was determined the person that took the vehicle was a female that the reporting party was with and they were having an argument. Police located the female and vehicle at a residence outside Staples. Police advised the female to return the vehicle to the reporting party which she did and they left together.

July 22, Staples Police assisted the Minn. State Patrol with a vehicle rollover on Hwy 210 west of Staples. Police arrived and located three occupants and a dog that were not injured. The truck was pulling a camper and trailer. Staples Fire and Ambulance assisted on scene along with Scott’s Southtown.

July 22, Staples Police received report of criminal sexual conduct that occurred in the city. Law enforcement is currently investigating.

July 23, Staples Police responded to a report of domestic dispute occurring on the 100 block of 2nd Ave. NW. After investigation, police arrested Elizabeth Cinto, 21, for domestic assault, violation of a DANCO order, and 5th degree possession of a controlled substance. Cinto was transported to the Todd County Detention Center to be held for court.

July 23, Staples Police received report of criminal sexual conduct that occurred within the city. Police are currently investigating.

July 24, Staples Police received a call of a disorderly person at Ernie’s. The subject yelled at another customer while in the store and left prior to police arrival. Ernie’s requested police speak to the subject and advised them they will be served a no trespass notice and are not allowed in the store. The subject was advised.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• Aug. 7, 1947 - The community of Batavia, southwest of Staples, and this city was shocked early Wednesday morning when they learned of the death of Mrs. Fred Zappe, pioneer resident of the Batavia community, and well known in Staples.

Mrs. Zappe was missed from her home and an investigation started when a note was found in the home.

The searchers went to Peet Lake, which is just below the Fawn Lake school, and there the car was found. A further search revealed a boat out in the lake.

Suspecting something

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persons unknown.”

• Aug. 7, 1947 - Staples Men’s Civic Chorus will leave Aug. 14, for Chicago, where they will sing in the Chicagoland Musical festival, along with choral groups from all over the United States.

The chorus sang at the Minneapolis aquatennial, and won first place there, the official word coming to Directo Erling Lian last week, and it was after that time that the group started working on plans to attend the Chicago Musical Festival, to which they are entitle to go by virtue of their winning at Minneapolis.

• Aug. 7, 1947 - Ray Enkhaus, who has owned the Staples Coffee Shop for the past several months sold his interests to Carl Holt and Robert Skoog, owners of Birch Acres on Fish Trap Lake, effective Aug. 1. Mr. Enkhaus purchased the coffee shop from Ray Savard several months ago.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our Aug. 3, 1972 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’re 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.

was wrong, County Sheriff Ralph Kemphankel, County attorney Frank L. King and Deputy Corner Dr. C. F. Reichelderfer were called.

The lake was dragged and finally, after using heavy chains and hooks, the body was brought to the surface about 9 p.m. Tuesday evening. It had been recovered from about 20 feet of water. A piece of rubber extension wire tied to a sack in which was a piece of iron rail weighing about 20 pounds, was around her neck.

The body was brought to the Huff Funeral home where a postmortem was held Tuesday night and the coroner’s jury heard evidence Wednesday afternoon.

The verdict of the jury, after hearing the evidence, and the various witnesses was that she met death by “violence other than drowning, which violence was administered by a person or

50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• Aug. 3, 1972 - Coleen Swecker, 15, is a member of the Becker Busy Bees 4-H Club and has been a member for seven years. She has shown her cow at the Minnesota State Fair for three years, taking three grand championships at area county fairs with her animal. She has the distinction of being the first female member of the Motley FFA Chapter this past year.

Swecker recently showed her cow at the Motley Fair. Others who showed animals included Gordon Boyd, 16, of the Poplar 4-H Club who showed his steer at the fair; and Theresa Holmberg, 11, of Motley, a member of the Maytown Mob 4-H Club, who showed her pony at the

fair. This is Gordon’s first year in 4-H. Last week, his steer took a blue ribbon and grand champion at the fair in Pillager.

• Aug. 3, 1972 - Stanley Carlson is appearing in “Fiddler on the Roof” at the Paul Bunyan Playhouse in Bemidji. The Playhouse is the oldest professional summer stock theatre in Minnesota.

• Aug. 3, 1972 - Debbie Griffith and Karie Greig, won crowns in separate queen contests in Motley Friday evening, the opening night of the annual Morrison County Fair in Motley.

Miss Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vivien Griffith, was crowned the 1972 Miss Motley and Miss Greig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Greig Jr., earned the honor and the crown of Motley’s Junior Miss.

Named as the first attendant to queen Debbie were Amy Bell, daughter of Mrs. Luella Bell, and Janice Kristenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Kristenson, was chosen by the judges as the second attendant.

The attendants to Queen Karie were Jodie Thorsett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thorsett, and Jackie Sklenicka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sklenicaka.

Motley runner Derek Mattila returned this week from the Junior Olympics National competition with two more first place medals, plus another second.

Last week, in the 96 degree heat and humidity of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mattila won the 2,000 meter steeple chase event on Wednesday, ran in the 1,500 preliminary on Friday, won first place in the 5,000 meter race on Saturday, and took second in a photo finish Sunday in the 1,500 meter run.

• July 31, 1997 - Dana Haselberg of Staples turned in the third lowest score and her Terrace Golf Course team finished second in the girls division of the Minnesota Golf Association Region 6 Junior meet July 25, at the Albany Golf Course.

Dana shot a round of 83 at the Albany course, while Abby Owens of Little Falls had a 78 for the medalist honor. Kristen Whalen of the winning Elk River team shot an 80 for second place.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

• Aug. 2, 2012 - The Historic Staples logo is now shining bright on the water tower as the finished logo was unveiled July 30. The city logo is on the main tank of the tower while the Staples Cardinal logo is on the center post, visible from the football field bleachers.

• Aug. 2, 2012 - Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch reports it has been three years since the disappearance of Leader-area resident Peter Achermann.

On July 24, 2009, Peter Achermann left his residence to run errands and was last seen on Warner Rd., by the Crow Wing River bridge between noon and 1 p.m. His vehicle, described as a light blue 1995 Chevrolet Caprice Wagon, was located off County Rd. 32, at the end of a minimum maintenance road on July 25. Despite extensive searches of the area, no trace of Peter has been found.

Achermann was age 82 at the time of disappearance and in good health.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo published in the July 22, 1982 edition of the Staples World featured winners of the Railroad Days medallion hunt in Staples. Paul Petrich and Arthur (Art) Nelson, both 13, found the medallion behind the old fire hall, south of Happy’s Bar. The two decided to check the area because it was public ground and “just happened” to discover the medallion in the grass. Each will receive a 1/4 beef as their winnings.

Rosemary Petrich, Diane Japke, and Sally Grove, all of Staples, correctly identified both boys. Rosemary remembered well that the boys found the medallion during Railroad Days and that they won a half beef. Andrea (Schimpp) Carlson of Decorah, Iowa, (1985 SHS grad) was convinced the boy on the left was a Weishalla and the boy on the right, a Lelwica. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• July 31, 1997 - A woman who has been credited with singlehandedly keeping the doors open at the Staples Senior Nutrition Site was one of two Outstanding Senior Citizens named Monday at the Todd County Fair.

Goldie Mikish of Staples was honored, along with Al DeMeo of Clarissa, as the county’ two Outstanding Senior Citizens for 1997. Both will be recognized at Senior Citizen’s Day at the 1997 State Fair, where the state’s two outstanding seniors will be recognized.

“I’m just an old bird. I’m retired, but not tired,” she said in the beer garden tent at the Todd County Fair, moments after getting the award.

• July 31, 1997 - Staples



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EMS services need support systems, not just funding

By Kelly Asche, Research Associate
Center For Rural Policy and Development

Ambulance services save lives every day, but a report released by the Office of the Legislative Auditor in February of 2022 raises serious concerns about the way ambulance services in Minnesota are regulated, their future viability, and the operations of the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board, which oversees ambulance services in the state. The report uncovered problems, in some cases going back decades, and it will hopefully jumpstart some deep and serious discussions about the future of emergency medical services in Minnesota.

The problems the Legislative Auditor’s report discussed revolved largely around regulation, management, and sustainability. But while this report necessarily brings these issues to light, the auditors looked at the issues largely from a statewide perspective, an angle that can hide those issues unique to rural communities.

We analyzed survey data from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and conducted our own interviews with EMS officials around the state to examine more closely what makes these issues unique and how they can be addressed.

Through this lens, one key theme emerges: the future of our rural EMS agencies will not be ensured through increased funding alone. Having support systems for rural EMS to hire professionally trained managers, creating incentives for agencies to collaborate and consolidate, and creating policies that are flexible to match the nuance among issues within rural EMS will increase the likelihood that they can take the next step forward.

Revenue and sustainability

EMS in general is not funded as if it were an essential service. Unlike fire departments and law enforcement, which have more stable sources of income like property taxes to sustain their operations, most EMS agencies, especially rural ones, rely on a mix of funding sources that has evolved over the years into a complicated combo of billing for some services but not others, local subsidies, community fundraising, and grants. Yet like fire departments and law enforcement, EMS must be ready 24 hours a day.

The challenges facing rural EMS agencies range from recruitment and retention to the ability to upgrade equipment to disparities in the level of service they can provide, longer travel times from emergencies to hospital care, and integrating into the health-care regional coordination continuum. All of these are either impacted by or have an impact on an agency’s ability to raise operating revenue.

The factor with the most influence on how much revenue an agency can access is call volume. It’s a logical assumption: an agency with 1,000 calls a week needs more funding to operate than one that receives five calls a week.

However, because of the lack of economies of scale at work in rural areas (i.e., the lack of call volume), the system that can work for urban agencies—funding based on call volume—does not necessarily work for rural ones. First of all, the overhead needed to operate an agency exists regardless of the service area’s population. Overhead involves the building, utilities, the basic equipment, and other costs associated with operating and being ready all hours of the day.

Second, sparsely populated rural areas have characteristics that increase costs:

- Rural areas have a higher percentage of population that is older, poorer, unhealthier, and on fixed incomes.
 - The percentage of households on insurance plans with high deductibles is increasing, which means a greater reliance on an individual’s ability to pay rather than the health insurance company’s.
 - Older and poorer populations mean more clients on Medicare and Medicaid, whose fee schedules don’t reimburse for the full cost of EMS services provided.
 - The lower reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid influences what insurance companies will pay to reimburse agencies for service.
 - The persistent philosophy that EMS is a transportation service rather than a skilled health care service.
- The Minnesota legislature has been

actively trying to find creative ways to allow agencies to support themselves. Counties can use property taxes to raise funds to support EMS agencies (and fire departments), and in 2021, the legislature increased the maximum allowed for those levies, since the original cap was thought to be so low that it wasn’t worth an EMS agency’s time to even pursue.

But although a special taxing district helps EMS shift away from the current broken business model toward a more distributive one, no agencies have yet taken this option. Our interviews with EMS officials revealed that even with the higher cap, trying to “sell” the new property tax is challenging:

1. Lack of support among county commissioners. County commissioners are already wary about adding another tax on property owners. As one agency manager said, “we are approaching this idea very carefully. So much is already pushed on the counties to pay for, and commissioners feel a need to protect property owners.”
 2. The property tax system does not make it easy to establish a tax on homeowners in rural areas. For example, one agency in southern Minnesota is exploring ways to tax homeowners instead of land. Ag land dominates tax bases in most of southern and southwestern Minnesota, which means that a property tax applied to land would result in a few landowners paying the bulk of the levy. The same issue prevented school districts from passing levy referendums for decades, and the results would likely be the same for any EMS referendum that was not carefully crafted.
- Although these types of solutions are welcome, it’s also clear that these solutions will require someone on the ground to implement them. Full-time, professionally trained managers are becoming increasingly necessary to manage not only these types of funding solutions, but also the entire gamut of challenges and issues that rural EMS faces.

The full report can be found at ruralmn.org

Quote of the week

“The U. S. Constitution doesn’t guarantee happiness, only the pursuit of it. You have to catch up with it yourself.”
— Benjamin Franklin

Restaurants and food trucks can both thrive

The Staples Planning and Zoning Commission has a tough decision on how to allow food trucks in the community.

They are looking at options of limiting food trucks to specific areas, and deciding if there should be a fee paid to the city to give the trucks a permit to operate.

In a way, this is pitting local restaurants against food trucks. Do we want to make it easy for food trucks and potentially take business away from existing places?

Do we want to make food trucks pay for their permits and potentially limit the number of food trucks that want to set up in town?

In my own travels, I sometimes get food from a truck and sometimes pass a truck to go into a restaurant. People love food trucks and people love restaurants. Our goal should be to have both thrive. The only way to do that is to bring bigger crowds into the community more often.

Every community has different food needs. Long Prairie started hosting food trucks because they were needed to feed large numbers of workers who are at

the same industry. Staples has a sufficient number of workers in town, but they don’t all exit from the same door or at the same time or have the same lunch needs.

One of the arguments at the Staples City Council meeting was that the proposed food truck fee to set up for a day is more than Minneapolis charges. But the restaurants in Minneapolis can’t keep up with the food needs on days when there is an event, festival or parade in the city. Staples only has that overflow need during Railroad Days. There can be some opportunities at a baseball game or something like that, but it would be rare for a food truck to set up on a city street on a regular day.

Until we have a need for food trucks, I’m not sure the city needs to create a permanent regulation yet. If a food truck wants to partner with a business or an event, I would say go ahead.

Having to regulate food trucks would be a great problem to have. The City of Staples wants to be proactive in addressing it, but unless we can predict what needs the community might have, an ordinance may not fit with what actually comes along.

The Staples Downtown Revitalization Committee has discussed the need for more events and promotions to bring people downtown. If that type of programming starts to happen and becomes successful, food trucks could be a part of it.

Small town diet



By Mark Anderson
Editor

Rural journalists wary of hate groups, hate speech

By Al Cross
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Rural journalists in a small-scale study say they’re afraid to report on hate groups or call certain remarks hate speech.

“Journalists who cover rural areas in the United States say they are afraid to report on hate groups, and this fear is exacerbated by close community ties and limited resources among rural journalists,” say four researchers who interviewed 33 journalists reporting in rural communities and published their findings in the peer-reviewed journal Journalism Practice.

“Rural journalists articulate a clear definition for hate speech, but struggle to apply that definition to events within their communities, even as they articulate numerous forms of hate,” Gregory Perreault of Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., and his colleagues write. “Journalists often dismissed acts of hate using the residual category of ‘not hate, but...’ to signal something that they felt was out of place or unsuitable but did not rise to the legal definition of hate speech and thus was not worth reporting on. This approach ends up challenging journalists’ normative commitments to their communities and exemplifies their

desire to avoid an objectivity trap.”

Rural journalists may provide “the only nuanced local coverage community members will encounter” on the topic, the researchers write. “The journalists we interviewed articulated a clear definition for hate speech but struggled to apply that definition to the events they articulated within their communities. . . . Using the common refrain of ‘We don’t have any hate groups, but...,’ journalists nevertheless articulated acts of hate in their communities, which were not always associated explicitly with hate groups.”

NiemanLab reports on the paper, “Being more

closely connected to their audiences, rural journalists were more reluctant to label such people and activities in their communities as hate — at least in part because of the fear of repercussion that would arise from such declarations in coverage. The researchers wrote, “Journalists in some cases felt pressure from their audience to apply false balance in their work through labeling groups like Black Lives Matter as a hate group.”

Perreault’s co-authors are Ruth Moon of Louisiana State University, Jessica Walsh of the University of Nebraska and Mildred Perreault of East Tennessee State University.

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The Benson Family Singers performing at Music in the Park



Family harmonies

The Benson Family Singers will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. Pictured from left are Rachelle, Keziah, Peter, Luke, Paul, Aaron and David. The series is made possible with a gift from the Staples Host Lions Club. (Submitted photo)

The Benson Family Singers will close the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. Hailing from Faribault, the Bensons are a family music group consisting of Peter and Rachelle, along with their four sons David, Aaron, Luke, Paul, and daughter Keziah. Expect to hear a variety of music from the Benson family, including barber-shop, bluegrass and gospel. They specialize in tight, a cappella harmonies and also play a variety of instruments, including guitar, banjo, bass, violin and mandolin. Together, they have performed for many shows, festivals, fairs, churches and private events throughout the country. For more on-

line information, visit www.bensonfamilymusic.com. The Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and will run through August 7. For more information on the Music in the Park series as well as the regular concert series, check out www.staplesmotleyarts.org. Northern Pacific (NP)

Park is located at 625 6th St. NE. At the junction of Hwys 10 and 210, go six blocks north on 6th St. NE. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. The Music in the Park Series is funded by the Staples Host Lions Club. The series is organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, with the assistance of the City of Staples.



Music loving Meyer family

Several members of the Meyer family were in attendance at the Meire Grove Community Band's concert in Staples July 10. Some were part of the band, others were in the audience. Pictured front row, from left, Samantha Thieschafer, Sauk Centre, holding her daughter Addi; band director Gary Zwack and Carrie Zwack, St. Cloud. Center: Amy (Meyer) Winkels, Orv Meyer, Marge Meyer, all of Staples; Cindy (Meyer) Miller, Sauk Centre; Pat Zwack, St. Cloud; Janice Eiden, Marie Meyer, both of Braham; Deb Klaphake, Melrose. Back row: Dan Meyer, Brainerd; Kurt Meyer, Karl Meyer, both of Meire Grove; and Paul Meyer, Norwood Young America. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Vendors wanted

Wanted: Community/area wide vendors to sell at the Staples Sacred Heart School "Junk in the Trunk" sale Friday and Saturday of Railroad Days Aug. 19 and 20. For more information, call Dawn Adamietz at 218-296-1737 or Marge Meyer at 218-296-1818.

'55 and '54 class reunion

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August 5

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.

August 8

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

August 17

STAPLES 60+ SENIOR CITIZENS 'FREE PENNY BINGO' PARTY will be held Wednesday, Aug. 17, at noon. To reserve your seat, call Arlene at 218-894-2254 no later than Aug. 16. If you wish to eat lunch, call 218-894-2556 before noon on Aug. 16, to reserve a meal.

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The City of Staples is looking for a person interested in serving their community by bringing ideas and opinions to the table of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. to review and make recommendations on development proposals, re-zonings, and Conditional Use Permits.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the City Clerk at 218-894-2550

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Born to Tashia and Eugene Clark of Swanville, a baby girl, Bailee Ann weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on July 24, 2022.

Born to Beth and Jake Rahn of Burtrum, a baby boy, Mason Edward weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on July 25, 2022.

Born to Jesslynn and Matthew Martin of Pillager, a baby boy, Caspian Matthew weighing seven pounds 11 ounces on July 26, 2022.

Born to Allison and Austin Twardowski of Clarissa, a baby boy, Finnan James weighing six pounds, nine ounces on July 26, 2022.

Born to Kate and Kyle Bodle of Long Prairie, a baby boy, Mason Jay weighing nine pounds, one ounces on July 26, 2022.

Born to Allison and Dawson Laborde of Little Falls, a baby boy, Michael Fitzwilliam weighing eight pounds on July 26, 2022.

Born to Jesslynn Crawford and Austin Weiser of Brainerd, a baby boy, Aedan LeRoy weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on July 27, 2022.

Born to Shaylah and Ethan Puttonen of Menahga, twins, a baby boy, Walker Evan weighing six pounds and a baby girl, Emmeline Mae weighing six pounds, two ounces on July 28, 2022.

Born to Sarah and Nicholas Skjonsby of Park Rapids, a baby boy, Soren Thomas weighing five pounds, two ounces on July 28, 2022.

Student Achievements

ALEXANDRIA TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE has announced its 2022 Spring Semester graduates. Local students named include:

- Kyle Zetah, Motley, Associate of Science Degree, Nursing
- Sydney Emerson, Pillager, Associate of Applied Science Degree, Interior Design
- Tyler Wilcox, Pillager, Certificate, Law Enforcement Skills

ALEXANDRIA TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE has announced its 2022 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits. Local students named include:

- Kyle Zetah, Motley
- Kyle Serich, Staples

ANNA WILLGOHS, Staples, recently graduated from the University of Wis-

consin-Eau Claire, with a Bachelor o Business Administration degree, health care administration.

SAMANTHA THOMAS, Pillager, has been named to the 2022 Spring Semester Dean's List at Bethel University, St. Paul. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TWIN CITIES, has announced its 2022 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average. Local students named include:

- Emmet Anderson, Staples
- Molly Lindgren, Staples
- Shaylyn Johnson, Pillager
- Hailey Turner-Hubbard, Pillager

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The following township offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, until Tuesday August 16, 2022. Call the Deputy Clerk, Connie Mosack, at 218-414-0323 for an appointment.

Candidates must file at the office of the Township Clerk, Villard Township Hall, County Road 28, Philbrook, MN. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee at the time

of filing.

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Clerk within seven (7) days prior to departure by giving written reasons for absence and completing all other filling requirements.

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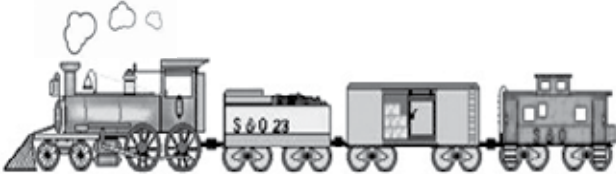
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Obituaries

Raphael Kern

Days before his 64th birthday, Raphael “Ray” Kern of Verndale unexpectedly passed away July 19, 2022, at Sanford Health in Fargo, ND.

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated July 25, at St. Hubert’s Catholic Church in Blue Grass.

Burial was in St. Hubert’s Catholic Cemetery, Blue Grass.

Raphael Joseph Kern, known by everyone as Ray, was born July 23, 1958 to Valerian and LaVonne (Bounds) Kern in Ely. He graduated from high school in Ely and then lived at the home farm north of Verndale while attending the Vocational Technical College in Staples to become a machinist. In the summer of 1977, on a trip back to Ely, he began to date his soon to be wife, Debbie Mattila. They were married on January 14, 1978 at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Ely. They lived in the Twin Cities area for three years where Jeremiah (Jerry) and Joseph (Joe) were born, moving back to the farm in Verndale after Joe was born where Marie, Matthew (Matty) and Raya became family additions. In 1987, they built a home near the farm which is where Hillary was born - the final addition to the Kern family.

Ray worked as a machinist for 3M in Staples and was proud that he was never late to work in his 35-year career. He passed down that sense of responsibility to all of his children. Ray had a “machinist’s eye” and enjoyed the challenge of figuring things out. Four of his children would go on to work part-time jobs at 3M.

In his younger years Ray was an avid trapper, hunter and outdoorsman. His love of deer hunting would carry on to his later years. Deer hunting season was always a special time for Ray with all the preparations including cleaning and sighting in rifles, clearing shooting lanes, gathering hunting clothing for everyone and the never-ending deer stand repairs. Family bonding took place while discussing who was going to sit in which deer stand and exchanging the hunting stories of each day.

It was such a joy for Ray when the grandchildren started coming. He enjoyed giving them 4-wheeler and tractor rides, pulling them in sleds behind the snowmobile and giving “jammie drives” around the block to count wildlife. The grandchildren loved to sit on Papa’s lap to talk, read



books, and watch YouTube videos, where he showered them with “err oohh” bear hugs and “bully-bullies”. Getting the entire family together at the cabin in Ely on the 4th of July each year was a highlight of the summer. Family was his pride and joy. His children were always leaning on him for advice, guidance and wisdom.

Ray loved the history of the Kern family and farm, collecting and restoring family heirlooms and was known to never throw anything away. He enjoyed tinkering on his tractor and was always involved in some sort of project around the property.

Ray was a devout Catholic who prayed the Rosary often, a testament to his loving and faithful parents. He was a humble, gentle and passionate husband who couldn’t stand to be away from his wife, as being with her is what he enjoyed the most. He loved Debbie more than anything and it showed just as much, if not more, in their 44 years of marriage as it did on day one.

Ray will always be remembered by his loving wife, Debbie, of Verndale; mother, LaVonne Kern of Verndale; six children, Jerry Kern of Verndale, Joe Kern of Lisbon, ND, Marie (Shawn) Mullen of Duluth, Matt (Stacy) Kern of Blaine, Raya (Eric) Olson of Verndale and Hillary (TJ) Hanson of Mapleton, ND; 12 grandchildren, Jared, Olivia, James, David, Max, Isaiah, Isaac, Augustine, Shania, Taylor, Evan and Tylon.

Preceding Ray in death was his father, Valerian.

Serving as pallbearers were Ray’s children.

Memorials may be directed to Mater Dei Apostolate at materdeiapostolate.org/donate (PO Box 3359, Duluth, MN 55803)

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Wadena, MN. (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com).

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Geraldine Ricker

Geraldine (Jeri) E. Ricker, 98, of Browerville, passed away July 25, 2022, surrounded by her family.

Services were held August 1 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Interment was at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery.

Geraldine (Jeri) Hanson was born January 2, 1929 in Pingree, North Dakota. She attended elementary school in Nevis. Later the family moved to Arago Township where she attended the Arago School, north of Park Rapids. Jeri worked at Wimpy’s Café in Park Rapids and at the Itasca Headwater Store. She also worked in Bemidji, cleaning rooms at a motel on Lake Bemidji.

Geri married Leon Ricker on September 2, 1947, at Park Rapids. They farmed in Hubbard County, north of Park Rapids before moving to Minneapolis in 1956 and later moving to rural Browerville area in 1964, back to farming. They moved to Fairmont in 1980 and ran the Highland Court Motel until 1986 then returned to the Browerville farm. Jeri and Leon retired from farming in 1992 and built a new home on an adjoining property. Jeri enjoyed baking, gardening, jeopardy, crossword puzzles, dancing and listening to old-time country



music. She was a member of the local card club for many years, a member of the modern Duets Homemakers Club and a reporter for Staples World and Long Prairie Leader for the Fawn Lake news. Jeri also served as an election judge for Fawn Lake Township. Above all she was a true Minnesota Twins and Vikings fan.

Jeri will be missed by three children, Malcolm of Browerville, Julianne (Gary) of Nevis and Douglas (Heidi) of Browerville; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and one brother, Nathan Hanson.

Jeri was preceded in death by her husband, Leon; parents; three sisters, four brothers and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Elaine Brown

Elaine Edith Brown, 86, of Richfield, passed away July 24, 2022, of cancer after being diagnosed at an advanced stage.

Elaine was born to Ira and Theresa (Degner) Brown in Aldrich. She grew up in Staples where she graduated from high school in 1954.

She worked in the grain division of Cargill for 42 years. After retirement, she loved spending time in her garden and traveling, having visited over 40 countries. She was especially proud of the fact that she had also visited all seven continents.

Elaine is survived by her sister, Jana Brown and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one infant brother, Eugene and sister and brother-in-law, Marlene and Richard Beranek.

A private family service will be held.

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Mark Daniels

Mark A. Daniels, 67, of Nimrod, passed away July 23, 2022, at Lakewood Health System, Staples after a long battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held July 28 at the Nimrod Lutheran Church in Nimrod. Interment was at the Poplar Cemetery, Leader.

Mark was born May 14, 1955 to Wayne and Mable (Lehner) Daniels at Wesley Hospital in Wadena. He was a 1974 graduate of Sebeka High School and a 1975 graduate of Detroit Lakes Vo-tech. He was a forklift operator for RDO in Park Rapids for many years until his health failed.

Mark enjoyed going to auctions, collecting and restoring different toys, woodworking and making many gifts for family members. He enjoyed his time with his family, and there was a sporting event, graduation, wedding or a small family gathering at one of his siblings’ homes, he could be counted on to be at those events. Family was important to him and he will be missed.

Mark is survived by two sisters, Rita (Duane) Swanson, Nimrod and Anita (Wayne) Wilson, Staples, two brothers, Melvin (Charlotte) Daniels, Staples and Mickey (Becky) Daniels, Oylen; nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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DEADLINE

Friday noon



Center court at the Target Center

Celebrating their Pacesetter Great Five-State Basketball Championship win at the Target Center in Minneapolis July 23, Staples-Motley eighth grade team members posed for a photo at center court. Front, left to right: Eli Rutten, Peyton Jares, Reed Olds, Connor Kuhns. Back: Coach T.J. Rutten, Josiah Burton, Avandre Brandt, Noah Larson, Coach Cam Larson.

To compete at the state level Pacesetter tournament, the boys won their regional tournament held in Mora and placed second at the state qualifying championship held in Paynesville. The team defeated a team from Greenfield, WI for the Pacesetter championship. (Submitted photos)

Action at the Target Center



Four years ago

Team members as fourth graders who qualified to play at the state level Pacesetter's championship tournament at the Target Center four years ago. Pacesetter Basketball is an organization providing over 100 basketball camps and tournaments in Minnesota.

Champions and sportsmen

The Cardinal 8th grade team was selected for the sportmanship award at the Pacesetter Great Five-State Championships held July 23 at the Target Center.

Wooden bats donated to Cardinals baseball team

The Motley Lions Club recently donated 12 wooden bats to the Staples-Motley Cardinals baseball team. The presentation was made at the Pat Held Wood Bat Tournament. Pictured, back row from left, are team members Griffin Bettis, Alex Schultz, Drew Mertens, Hayden Rutherford, Kristofer Taylor, Ben Tyrrell; and Motley Lion Don Delude. Front row, from left, are Isaac Long, Dylan Lawrence, Colbe Tappe, Jack Carlson, Gabe Decker, Justin Phillippi. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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Freshwater Education District

MINUTES FRESHWATER EDUCATION DISTRICT #6004 BOARD MEETING 6/22/2022 Wadena, MN

Called to Order by Chair Thalmann at 5:00 p.m.
Board Present: R. Thalmann- Henning; B. Tumberg- W-DCreek; S. Veronen- Verndale; C. Funk- Sebeka; J. Hillmer- Browerville; R. VanDenheuvel- B-H. Supt: D. Fjeldheim- Sebeka. FED: Supt. Weber; J. Anderson, B. Tollefson, J. Wotho, S. Thiel.

Agenda - MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel and seconded by Veronen to approve the agenda as presented. VOTE- U/C

Presentation - B. Tollefson, ABE/GED Cord., presented on this past year's events and program summary in the ABE/GED

Programs.

Old Business-
MOTION BY Tumberg and seconded by Hillmer to approve the 4-27-22 minutes as presented. VOTE- U/C
MOTIONED BY Funk and seconded by Thalmann to acknowledge receipt and review of the April, May, and June 2022 Supt. Advisory Min. as presented. VOTE- U/C

New Business-
MOTION BY Tumberg and seconded by Veronen to approve the April and May, 2022 mileage claims as presented. VOTE- U/C
The following resolution is hereby MOVED BY VanDenheuvel and seconded by Hillmer to gratefully accept the following donations as identified, Reading for the Future: \$2,000 ~ Lakewood Health System, Staples, MN; PBIS Grant - Academies: \$1,000 ~ Resource Training and Solutions, Sartell, MN; FED Staff and Student Funds: \$400 ~ School Pulse

Panel.

VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows; ABSTENTIONS: None; AYE: Thalmann, Hillmer, VanDenheuvel, Tumberg, Veronen and Funk; NAY: None; ABSENT: Howard, Lund and Wolf.

MOTION BY Veronen and seconded by Tumberg to approve the joint powers agreement between the State of MN, acting through its Commissioner of MDE and Sourcewell for payment of the ParaPro/Para Educator Online Assessment. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Funk and seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve the FED #6004 FY23-25 Facility Lease Agrmt. with CLC, Staples as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Thalmann and seconded by Tumberg to approve the CMERDc FY23 Copier Maint. Agrmt. as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Veronen and seconded by Funk to

approve the Personnel Policy 400.13L Classified Employee Group effective 7-1-22 - 6-30-24 as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Tumberg and seconded by Veronen to approve Personnel Policy 400.14L, Classified Employee Salary Chart, effective 7-1-22 - 6-30-24 as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel and seconded by Hilmer to approve the School Health Nursing Svc. Agrmt. between Wadena Public Health and FED for the 22/23 SY. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Funk and seconded by Tumberg to authorize Supt. Weber to act as the (IOWA) and Admin. Asst. S. Thiel to act as the IOWA to add and remove names only for the FED No. 6004-61. VOTE- U/C

Dept. Reports
SpEd; Update on SpEd Prog. and Staffing needs for the 22/23 SY. FED will be offering coaching/training

for non-licensed SpEd Staff.
MOTION BY Thalmann and seconded by VanDenheuvel to adopt the 22/23 SY FED/SpEd Academies Student Handbook as presented. VOTE- U/C

Bus. Managers; Reviewed the following: 5-31-22 Finance Update; Facility Reserve Balances; and the OPEB Reserve Balances.

MOTION BY Hillmer and seconded by Tumberg to approve the 22/23 SY Annual SMART Systems, Citrix Hosting UFARS Accounting Software, Agrmt. as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Thalmann and seconded by Tumberg to adopt the 22A Budget for FY23 as presented. VOTE- U/C

Ex. Director; Presentation on the completion of the Supt. Weber 21/22 SY Goals. MOTIONED BY Veronen and seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve the 22/23 SY Supt. Weber's Personal and Organizational Goals as presented, with the agreement of expense to be paid by Supt. Weber, if the expense is not covered by Sourcewell. VOTE- U/C

Bd. Member Veronen left.

MOTION BY Funk and seconded by Thalmann to approve the Consultant Agrmt. between N. Clement, Ed. D and FED for facilitating the FED's Strategic Planning Process in 1/2023. VOTE- U/C

ALC/TS; ALC Summer Prog. running strong with an average of 120 students.

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel and seconded by Hillmer to approve the Service Agrmt. between the Northern Pines Mental Health and FED SALS for the 22/23 SY. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Funk and seconded by Tumberg to approve the School Nutrition Renewal Joint Agrmt between LPGE ISD # 2753 and FED LPALC. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Hillmer and seconded by VanDenheuvel to adopt the 22/23 SY ALC Student Handbook as presented. VOTE- U/C

Carl Perkins: Hiring of M. Schrode, as the Carl Perkins Coord., effective 7-1-22. Thanks to M. Ward, for her great work.

ECFE/SR: Reviewed the 21/22 SY student enrollment;

MOTION BY Tumberg and seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve the SR/ECFE Service Agrmt. between FED and Frazee-Vergas ISD #23. VOTE- U/C

FED Facilities: Epoxy installed in large classroom at the WALC mid-July; FED received the award of "Top Workplace" in 2022, an employee survey;

Freshwater Ed Foundation: Reviewed the Foundation Balance Summary; Foundation received matching funds from Innovative Schools of \$5,000 for stem kits for the EC Prog.

Technology: Update of fiber change on 6-30-22; Reviewed the 22/23 SY Fiber Lease Bids.

MOTION BY Funk and seconded by Tumberg to approve the E-rate Service Agrmt. between E-rate and Ed. Services, LLC and FED, effective 7-1-22 - 6-30-23. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Hillmer and seconded by Thalmann to approve the Proactive DDoS Mitigation Agrmt. between Arvig and FED, effective 7-1-22 - 6-30-23 as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel and seconded by Tumberg to accept the FY23 Internet Service Agrmt. between Arvig and FED #6004 as presented. VOTE- U/C

Personnel Consent Agenda

MOTION BY Hillmer and seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve the items as follows:

ALC: Hiring of A. Benning, School Social Worker; Hiring of J. Line, Program Assistant; Re-assignment of C. Perala, FT Teacher Substitute to ALC Instr; Increase in Days for T. Swee-ney, ALC Billing Clerk/Prog. Assist.;

SPED:

Request of Lane Change for K. Becker, OT; Increase in Hrs. J. Schwartz, ECSE Instr; Keller, School Psych.; K. Snyder, School Psych.; M. Matis, SpEd Para; S. McKeever, SpEd Prog. Specialist; Rescinding of L. Perkins, SpEd Inst. request of retirement; Re-assignment of A. Lorents, SpEd Para to I. Fed Inst.; Resignation of A. Braukmann, SpEd Prog. Specialist; P. Glad-back, ECSE Inst.; Hiring of S. Romann, SpEd Para; M. Grondahl, B-3 Specialist; J. Janson, SpEd Instr; G. Koscielski, SpEd Para; A. Peeters, ECSE Instr.; T. Mueller, SLP; K. Olson, SLP; A. Theede, PT; K. Lehmann, SpEd Inst.; T. Weaver, SpEd Prog./Assessment Specialist; E. Potter, School Psych.; N. Lorenson, SpEd Assessment Specialist; Increase in Days for S. McKeever, SpEd Prog. Specialist; 1-Year (FY23) SpEd Director Contract for L. Murdock; 2-Year SpEd Finance Specialist Contract for D. Wegscheid; Re-Classification of J. Osberg, Level IV Student Site Mang. to Lead Teacher;

AGENCY WIDE:

1-Year Director of Ed Prog. and Eval. Contract for J. Wotho; 2-Year Network Tech/School Tech Contract for R. Murdock; 2-Year Manager of Finance and Business Operations Contract, J. Anderson; 2-Year ABE Coord. Contract, B. Tollefson; Grade Change for W. Irons, Tech Integration Assist.; Increase in Days for S. DeMars, AP/AR Clerk. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Funk and seconded by Tumberg to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. VOTE- U/C

Pre-Approved Publication Summary

RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED:
Bruce Lund, Clerk

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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
firststrongouccstaples@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
Church.....
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 218-894-2296
Church.....
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
Balsamund 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.lincolnefree.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
26290 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
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
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.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.

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

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

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pavlovski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950
Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
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
Info. 218-837-5690
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

"The Outcome is greater than the Sacrifice"

Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn, Sacred Heart Church, Staples; St. Michael Church, Motley

"There is nothing ever done by God to man without the outcome being greater than the sacrifice." This quote, passed on to me through my mother, has been a great source of consolation over the years whenever I have wrestled with God's providence: God's foresight to order all things according to the ends for which they were created. God adapts the means to the end, including my suffering.

In moments of suffering it can be difficult to remember that God knows and understands every element of our existence, holds it in tension with the endowed gift of human free will, and then applies grace as we allow, never taking advantage of us but co-working with us. With this comes the promise that God will bring about the greatest good even through the evil we produce. Indeed, God knows what is best for us, like good parents who coach their children into adulthood, empowering their freedom while challenging them to

greatness, not removing suffering but teaching the skills to embrace it in love.

God gives each of us the capacity to choose love, or against love. When we choose love it foreshadows the divine life of heaven. When we choose against love, that is, when we do not will the good of the other for their sake, then we fore-shadow hell.

God's call to embrace suffering as a means to the obedience of divine life is counter-intuitive. "Son though he was, Christ learned obedience by what he suffered" (Hebrews 5:8). The cross became the means to the greatest good, our salvation. The outcome was greater than the suffering.

Perhaps it was into the mystery of providence that St. Paul was leaning when he wrote, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church" (Colosians 1:24)

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Staples Veterinary Clinic
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Staples, MN 218-894-1775

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Public Notices

NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES PUBLIC HEARING, AUGUST 9, 2022, IMPROVEMENTS TO AIRVIEW DRIVE

The City of Staples is providing notice that a public hearing will be held on August 9, 2022 to discuss proposed improvements to Airview Drive and the assessment of the cost to the property owners abutting Airview Drive. This public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall (122 6th St NE) as part of the regular City Council meeting. The proposed improvement is to pave Airview Drive from Airport Rd. going east for approximately 650 feet to the intersection of Park Rd. for a width of approximately 30 feet. The estimated cost is \$40,000.

Scott Grabe, City of Staples
Public Works Director
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CITY OF STAPLES FILING NOTICE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that filings for the biennial election for the City of Staples will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

Officers to be filled are the Mayor and three City Council Members. The Mayor shall serve for a term of two years. The three City Council Members shall serve for terms of four years.

File with the City Clerk at Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE. A filing fee of \$2.00 is required.

The biennial election for the City of Staples will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples
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WALK continued from page 1a

Villages and scenery of historic England

soon parted ways. About an hour later we met him again. He was parked along our route, waiting for us. He reached in his backseat, pulled out sandwiches and beverages for each of us and offered more advice on our route ahead. And more Bears talk back and forth.

Guardian angels like Terry were scattered all along our way. They included several of our hostesses and proprietors of the Bed and Breakfasts we stayed at. The first was Doris, a farm wife who ran the Low Cock How B & B where her husband raises sheep and horses. She and others along the way helped by drying our rain-soaked clothes and preparing sandwiches for the trail ahead.

We had a tremendous host and hostess two nights later at the Old Water View B & B at Patterdale, one of the more scenic of our overnight stays. A delightful spot just above a babbling stream was waiting for us in the Inn's back yard. The shaded lawn was just the spot to stretch muscles sore from the previous days climb.

Two or three owners ago, in the 1960s and '70s, the inn served as overnight host for Alfred Wainwright, who is credited with creating the Coast to Coast Walk through his series of books outlining the walking trails across northern England. One room in the inn is maintained as the Wainwright Room, with many photos, maps and other Wainwright memorabilia adorning the walls. We carried a copy of "A Coast To Coast Walk" with us.

The Coast to Coast route turned out to be a much tougher hike than any of the five of us had anticipated, starting with a small hill called Dent we climbed at the end of our first day. It was only about 1,000 feet high, but was still a steep climb, followed by a equally steep descent.

We were introduced to the mountain ridges, called fells in England, on our second day. After about a 10 mile hike on a level road that turned into a trail, then into a path that headed straight up Honister Pass. The route took us from an altitude of about 500 feet in the valley up to about 2,100 at the crest. It was an exhausting climb for all of us, even with a break half way up. A descent down a paved old tramway followed, with downhill walking almost as bad as uphill. I survived the day, barely.

That was just the beginning. The result of glaciers some 20,000 years ago is a series of ridges extending north to south, one after another, for the next roughly 40 to 50 miles. The next day's route was almost 20 miles, this time with two high ridges standing in the way.

Exhausted by the day before, I took myself out

of the lineup and Elizabeth and I taxied ahead to our next B & B. Cyrus, Alexis and Christian took the overland route, topping the two ridges and crossing a low-lying boggy area between them in roughly eight hours of tough hiking.

"Discretion is the better part of valor," I had said that morning. It was a decision I would make twice during the trip.

We also made alterations in our route as suggested by our guardian angels. We cut our fourth day hike in half by taking a delightful 10 mile boat ride on Ulswater Lake. From the top of the lake was an eight mile hike, naturally with a hill or two. Some of the route was on roads and some through pastures, to our destination for the night, the village of Shap.

Just shy of the village we passed by the nearly 1,000 year old ruins of Shap Abbey, founded in 1199. The Normans who arrived with William the Conqueror in 1066, created and gave vast estates to the church, Shap Abbey being one. That all changed in the 1500s when Henry the VIII created the Church of England with himself as the head of the church. Many abbeys like Shap were abandoned and fell into disrepair.

The abbey and other relics of England's rich history reenforced my idea that our trip was more than a trek across 200 miles, it was also a trip reflecting more than 2,000 years of English history. We had earlier crossed a long straight path atop one of the ridges. It was the remains of a Roman road now called High Street, believed to date to the First Century A.D.

Stopping invaders from the north was a never ending problem, for the Romans and those who followed them. Several days later we neared the country town of Danby Wiske. I had noted in Alfred Wainwright's Coast to Coast Walk, that "The Scots and the English fought their battles where ever chance brought them together." One such place was just off our path. According to Wainwright, "The date was Oct. 22, 1138. The English, playing at home, won this match."

At Shap, we got to talking to two young men playing pool in the hotel's pub. They explained that in England, private ownership of guns is almost unheard of, with police among the few who are allowed to carry. They didn't understand why we have so many guns or why so many shootings.

Leaving Shap, Christian, Liz and Cyrus took on the toughest 20 mile stretch of the trip. Alexis and I rode ahead to the Jolly Farmer B & B in Kirkby Stephen. The next day, all five of us decided we all needed a day off. Christian said the previous day's walk, which

included two ridges, heavy rain and a hail storm, was tougher than any of his seven pre-season NFL training camps.

Three days of somewhat shorter hikes followed. We walked about 10.5 miles to Richmond; then about 13 miles from Richmond to Danby Wisk. From there it was about 12 miles to reach Ingleby Cross.

The last two days of the hike brought us to Glaisdale, where we made another revision. Rather than a final 20 mile hike to Robin Hoods Bay, we took a morning train ride to Whitby, a town on the North Sea Coast about nine miles north of Robin Hood's Bay.

After a pleasant walk through the streets in this ancient city, we walked up a series of 350 steps past a centuries-old church and graveyard, the stones so weathered they were unreadable. That led us to the seaside path, fenced on both sides to begin with, some 300 to 400 feet above the jagged coastline.

The final walk was pleasant, but like the preceding days, it held it's own difficulty. There were stretches downhill and then uphill, made more difficult by a late morning rainfall. Muddy stones in our path were slippery and treacherous, but younger hands helped with the navigation. In less than four hours we rounded the final bend and gazed upon our goal, the tiny town of Robin Hood's Bay.

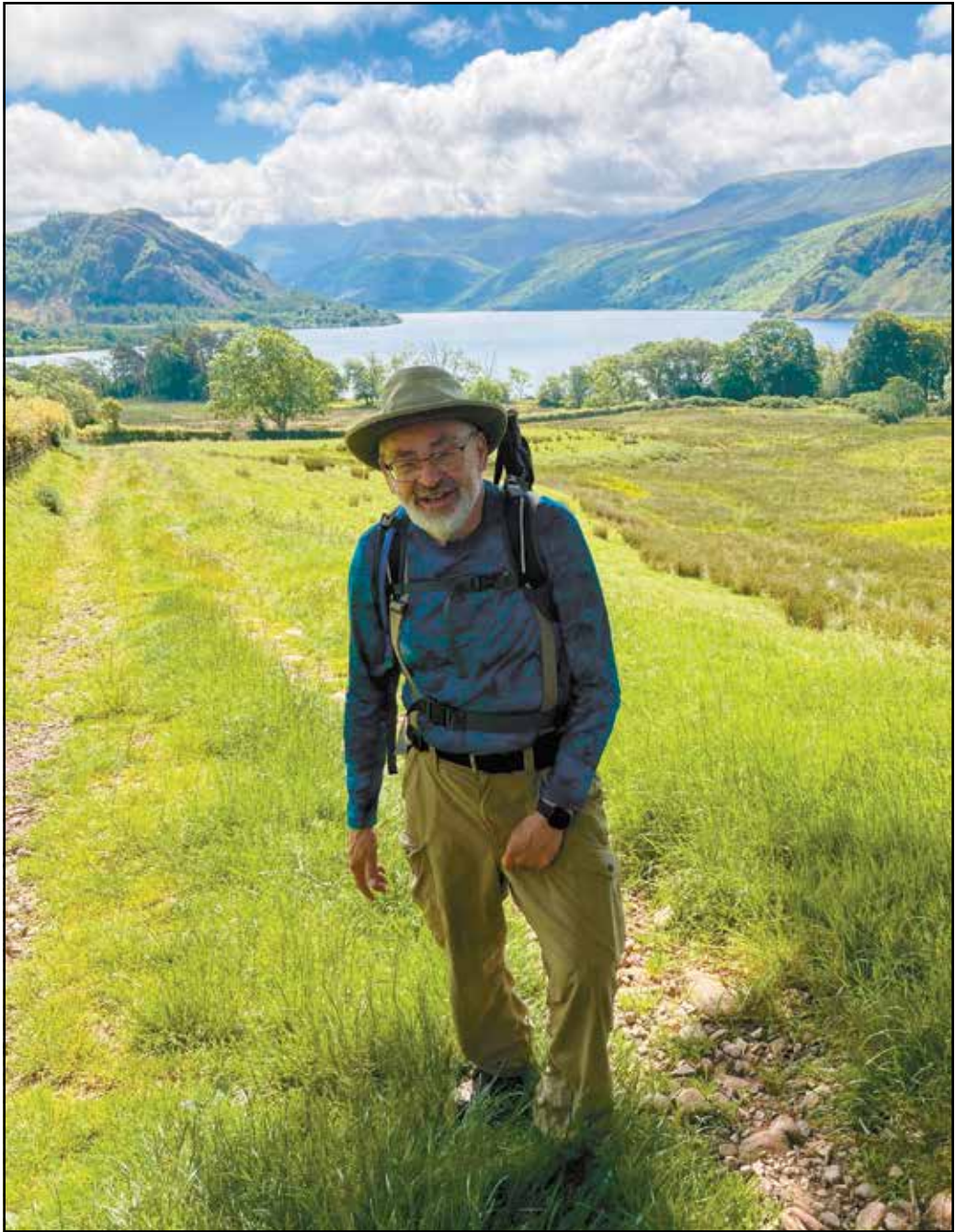
It was a tremendous day, beautiful blue sky, filled with clouds upon clouds that drifted into the horizon 20 miles out to sea. Under that cover, the five of us descended a final hill to the North Sea. At low tide, we washed the mud off our boots and found the pebbles we had picked up at St. Bees and flung them into the North Sea, 190 odd miles from where they started.

We were all both very glad to finish, yet sad at the same time that our adventure together would soon be over.

Our walk had crossed over public and private land, over pastures and through fields of corn, sorghum and small grain. And through sheep pastures surrounded by those stone fences. We crossed fences in many ways, through gates and stiles, over the top of one or two stone walls and over at least one barbed wire fence. Rules we followed: Take nothing but photos and leave behind only tracks.

Also the unwritten rule: Close anything you open. The latter we knew at the start, but I recall a reminder much later. On a gate on our second to last day:

*Be ye man or be ye woman,
Be ye goin or be ye comin,
Be ye soon or be ye late,
Be ye sure to close the gate.*
We always did.



Hiking near Ennerdale Water

Tom Crawford of Staples is pictured near Ennerdale Water on the second day of his recent 'Coast to Coast' hike in England. A couple of days later, on June 25,

the group celebrated Crawford's 77th birthday at the Jolly Farmer B & B in Kirkby-Stephen. (Submitted photo)



Stone fences

Almost the entire 190 mile trek, the Coast to Coast five encountered miles of stone fences, more of them centuries old, and most keeping sheep (or cattle) within their owner's property. Crawford's hiking

poles were in one hand, his cell phone in the other, when this photo was taken. From left are Cyrus, Christian, Elizabeth and Alexis.



Meeting new friends, fans

During their Coast to Coast walk through England, the Crawford gang encountered hikers from various countries, including this man from England, Terry Davidson, who happened to be a big Chicago Bears fan. Davidson, sporting his Bears T-shirt, was thrilled to meet Crawford's grandson-in-law, Christian Jones, who played with the team for several seasons. (Submitted photo)



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