

July sky
A morning cloud lays low above the overpass reflecting in the rails near the Staples depot.
Photo by Janice Winter

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
July 22	74°	56°	P. Cloudy
July 23	80	68	M. Sunny
July 24	86	66	P. Cloudy
July 25	90	68	P. Cloudy
July 26	86	65	M. Cloudy
July 27	82	63	P. Cloudy
July 28	81	60	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2019

	High	Low	Cond.
July 22	73°	54°	Sunny
July 23	80	54	Sunny
July 24	82	53	Sunny
July 25	82	60	Sunny
July 26	88	63	Sunny
July 27	82	57	Sunny
July 28	67	60	Rain

Average Temps:

H = 81° Low = 60°

Rain for Week: 3.65"

Year total rain: 13.00"

Compiled by
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Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Todd planning: 9A

Obituaries

Angela Etzler
Betty Judkins
Michael Theis



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Highway accidents leave one dead, one injured

Serious accidents at the same intersection one day apart killed one Staples man and left another with life threatening injuries. The intersection is a few miles north of Leader on Highway 64.

On July 14, at 1:57 p.m., Durlin Astle, 75, of Staples, was killed when his semi truck was eastbound on County Road 23 and failed to yield at the stop sign on Highway 64. A semi truck driven by Paul Hartnett, 47, of St. Louis Park, collided with Astle's vehicle. Hartnett was not injured. Minnesota State Patrol reports that Astle was not wearing a seat belt.

On July 15, at 1:40 p.m., Russel Nanik, 82, of Staples, suffered life threatening injuries when his SUV failed to yield at the intersection of County Road 23 and Highway 64, and collided with a pickup truck driven by William Salter, 67, of Ramsey. Nanik was transported to North Memorial Hospital in the Twin Cities. The Minnesota State Patrol reports that Nanik was not wearing a seat belt.



Snuuuuuurd out!

Summer town league baseball made a reappearance with the Staples Lumberbats taking on the Midway Snurdbirds on July 18, at Pine Grove Park in Staples.

Pictured, Lumberbats catcher Austin Redemeske tags out a Snurdbird runner at the plate, trying to score from second on an outfield hit. The town leagues are holding an abbreviated schedule this year. See more Lumberbats photos on page 7a. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

2020 filings for local elections coming up

Filing dates for upcoming local elections will run from July 28 to August 11, 2020.

The Staples-Motleys school board has three seats up for election this year, currently held by Chad Longbella, Bryan Winkels and Greg Frisk.

Staples City Council has three seats up for election, currently held by Doug Case, Rachel Johnson and Mary Theurer.

Motley City Council seats up for election include Mayor Al Yoder's seat, and council members Steve Johnson and Pat O'Regan's seats.

School board filing can be done at the district office building and council filing can be done at city hall.

Staples airport rates set

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council set lease rates for the new hangar at the city airport.

The lease rates are \$200 per month for a single engine aircraft, moving up to \$250 for twin engine and \$500 for turbine. Daily rental is \$30 per day for single engine, \$50 for twin engine and \$70 for turbine.

In March, the Staples World printed a story showing the economic impact of the airport, according to a MnDOT study. In 2019, the Staples airport brought in 598 visitors and provided employment for 16 people with a payroll of \$716,290. The estimated economic activity supported by the airport was \$1.7 million, including \$981,140 in spending and \$62,220 in state and local tax revenues.

- City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said Staples is scheduled to get \$223,000 in federal funding from the CARES Act to be used for expenses involving COVID-19 losses. He said another state bill could help offset losses from parks and the Staples Community Center.
- The council approved road closures for Second Harvest food distribution on August 12, 4-6 p.m.
- The council set a public hearing for non-payment of delinquent utility bills for Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. at City Hall, during the regular meeting.



Cardinal acquainted

Staples-Motley Activities Director and Dean of Students has been at the school for three weeks and is looking forward to meeting students returning to school and activities. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Lee looks to heighten Staples-Motley activities

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

In his first three weeks as Staples-Motley Activities Director and Dean of Students, Josh Lee has had a lot of different conversations about the unknown aspects of what schools and activities will look like in the fall.

"Everyone I've talked to has been phenomenal," said Lee. "The staff and administration have been very welcoming."

As far as activities, Lee said he is working as if there will be a regular fall season, but also making plans in case the Minnesota State High School League makes changes for the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are preparing as full go, but we are also prepared if there is a part go," said Lee. "We will follow state mandates but it will be unfortunate if there is a no go."

Under any scenario, Lee said his job is "moving Staples-Motley activities forward under the school's Continuous Improvement Plan."

The dean of students position will be about building relationships with students, said Lee. "I will help them navigate academic and behavioral issues," he said.

Lee will also be involved with the REACH academic support program that is being implemented to help students succeed in their day to day lives.

Education and coaching have been part of Lee's life since college. "My path always led me there," he said.

He has been a high school basketball coach and an assistant to college teams. While coaching, he earned a masters in sports management with an emphasis in administration.

Before coming to Staples-Motley, Lee was assistant coach for men's basketball and men's and women's soccer. Lee and his wife Melanie were looking for a place to raise their two daughters and they thought St. Peter would be great. He also liked his job but it didn't have the administrative component he was looking for.

"I was being particular in any jobs I applied to," said Lee. "We wanted our family to go to an area that we can make home for a long time."

So when the job for Staples-Motley athletic director came up, Lee felt it fit. "We love the area with the lakes and outdoor aspect," he said. "My wife is from Montana, so being in the woods feels like home for her."

In addition, the job is a step Lee wanted to take in his career. "I am looking forward to coaching coaches," he said. "It is a privilege to be in this position and I am excited for what we can do."

Lee expects his first year to involve a lot of learning what his role will look like in this new position.

He is reaching out to businesses and supporters to find out more about the community. "I want to find the processes work best for me and make the experience the best we can," he said.

Lee will continue with the school's commitment to the MSHSL's "Why We Play" program, and he is sold on the effectiveness of the process.

"I am a huge proponent, it has changed how I look at coaching," he said. "The MSHSL is a national front-runner with this program. A lot of states have adopted portions of the program or

See **LEE** on page 10a



Keeping the flowers watered

Fran Kokett of Motley, member of the Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club, watered flowers at Veterans Park in Motley July 7. From there, she was headed to water flowers at other places in town, includ-

ing the post office and other parks. Club members take turns watering, weeding and maintaining these flower beds during the summer months. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Organization spotlight

Living Legacy Gardens

Are you interested in getting involved in a community organization? Perhaps you thought about it in the past, but weren't sure where to start.

Over the next several months, the Staples World will feature information on a variety of organizations in the Staples-Motley area that are always looking for new members. There's bound to be at least one that's a good fit for you.

Be a part of your community! In addition to helping others, most likely you will reap benefits personally. As author Dan Buettner notes in his book, "The Blue Zones," being a part of a community is one element that can lead to people living longer, healthier, happier lives.

1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION
Living Legacy Gardens
2. WHEN AND WHERE DO YOU MEET?

The garden is open 24/7, 365 days a year, but volunteer time is on Tuesday mornings from 9 - 11 a.m. during the growing season, usually May - October, weather permitting.

3. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION/MAJOR PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED/FOCUS OF GROUP

Living Legacy Gardens is a public ornamental garden located at Central Lakes College's Ag & Energy Center in Staples. The garden was started in 2000 with the purpose of providing education and demonstration to the home gardener in Zones 3 & 4. Some of its features include a pond, fountain,

pergola, gazebo and brick pathways; as well as shade, perennial, and herb gardens. The garden is also the site for a community education children's gardening program and rentable community garden plots.

4. EXPERIENCE NEEDED?

The garden has a very dedicated and fun group of volunteers and we are always looking for new folk to join us. We welcome all levels of gardening experience. Also, there are many opportunities to be involved not directly related to plants, such as carpentry, office work, etc.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

Tammy Rick, 218-296-2795.



Helping bring beauty to Staples

Volunteer gardeners at Living Legacy Gardens spend one morning a week

during the growing season helping maintain the gardens. (Submitted photo)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

July 7 - The MPD was given a wallet from Motley City Hall that had been brought to them by a person passing through. It had been located in Perham. The owner of the wallet (which contained \$35 cash and the owner's MN ID card) was notified.

July 2 - 6 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Sherri Pearson, 57; Derrick Mitchell, 47; Tess Natterstad, 23; Glen Linder, 38; Justin Browne, 40; Dashaun Smith, 21; Skylar Jones, 23; Grant Butler, 23; Paul Holden, 56; Allan Wolynski, 17; Kyle Rossow, 27; Anna Stoppleworth, 19; Rebecca Jackson, 31; Corey Dea, 26; Jessica Douglas, 37; Jayda Gackstetter, 19.

July 8 - The MCSO located a male, who is partially disabled, walking on Highway 10 near Little Falls. Due to the heavy rain, the deputy gave the male a ride to his residence in Staples.

July 15 - The MPD received a call from a Motley resident reporting that she was being harassed by a man named Norman Blackwell from Texas who calls repeatedly, trying to have her take out a loan. The caller stated she feels it is a scam.

July 15 - The MPD received a report of a gas drive off at Orton's Holiday gas station in Motley.

July 10 - 15 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Antoinette Fisher, 51; Cordelia White, 20; Makayla Christen, 21; Kashif Zuberi, 43; Daniel Kitner, 32; David Swenson, 31; Daniel Hunt 24; Patrick Curme, 36; Jacquelyn Pundsack, 36; Patrick Specht, 21; Brittany Smith, 29; Cody Smith-gosen, 18; William Smith-gosen, 42; Jill Ironnecklace,

31; Todd Brobst, 50; Sarah Sonderup, 33; Carol Crawford, 35; Patrick Ogorman, 53; Paige Kurak, 27; Kan Byboth, 45; Nicholas Breuer, 20; Daniel Olivarez, 23; Jacob Johnson, 20

July 14 - The MPD issued a citation to Destiny Bunker, 18, for driving without a valid Minnesota driver's license.

July 14 - While patrolling in Motley, the MPD came across a vehicle parked on the wrong side of 4th Ave. North. The vehicle appeared to be abandoned, with the doors unlocked and no one around. The police chief attempted to contact the registered owner of the vehicle, but was unsuccessful. He also called a few area businesses inquiring as to whether the vehicle belonged to one of their employees, or residents. In the end, the vehicle was towed as it was parked illegally on the wrong side of the road and was blocking access to a mailbox.

July 11 - The MPD issued a citation to Melissa Parslow, 38, for driving with a revoked license.

July 12 - The MPD issued citations to Charles Niell, 30, for driving after suspension and speed.

July 12 - The MCSO received a report of a male who was intoxicated and out of control at the 1500 block of 330th St. in Motley. Family members were present and stated they would watch the subject and call back if law enforcement were needed.

July 11 - The MCSO responded to a male who was injured while riding a bicycle at the 34000 block of 385th St., Motley. The subject said he hit a pothole then lost control. The pothole is on the Todd/Morrison line on County Rd. 28. The subject was transported by the Staples Ambulance.

Veteran's News

David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran
Service Officer

Post-traumatic stress disorder, also known as PTSD, is among only a few mental disorders that are triggered by a disturbing outside event, unlike other psychiatric disorders such as depression. Many Americans experience individual traumatic events ranging from car and airplane accidents to sexual assault and domestic violence. Other experiences, including those associated with natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and tornadoes, affect multiple people simultaneously. Dramatic and tragic events, like the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon and wars occur; and with media exposure such as we have today, even people not directly involved might be affected. Simply put, PTSD is a state in which you "can't stop remembering." For example, Vietnam veterans who "can't stop remembering" the traumatic events of firefights and other horrific

war scenes.

In one out of 10 Americans, the traumatic event causes a cascade of psychological and biological changes known as post-traumatic stress disorder. Wars throughout the ages often triggered what some people used to call "shell shock," in which returning soldiers were unable to adapt to life after war. Although each successive war brings about renewed attention on this syndrome, it wasn't until the Vietnam War that PTSD was first identified and given this name. Now, mental health providers such as psychiatrists, psychologists and other health care professionals can attempt to understand people's response to these traumatic events and help them recover from the impact of the trauma.

The typical symptoms of PTSD are flashbacks, intrusive thoughts, emotional detachment, hypervigilance, night sweats and extreme efforts to avoid stimuli that reminds one of the traumatic events.

Prevalent symptoms are:

- **Flashbacks:** Imagine experiencing the most terrifying horror movie you've ever seen playing over and over in your mind. You can't make the images go away. These are the flashbacks so commonly associated with PTSD and usually are thought of in connection with combat veterans in war.

- **Emotional detachment:** Emotional detachment is a second symptom of PTSD, which is often not as obvious outwardly to anyone other than the person experiencing it. For these people, their emotional systems are in overdrive. They have a hard time being a loving family member. They avoid activities, places, and people associated with the traumatic event. They are simply drained emotionally and have trouble functioning every day.

- **Recurring dreams of**

trauma.

- **An exaggerated startle response to stimuli that reminds one of trauma.**

- **Flat affect** - Reduced emotional reactivity.

- **Difficulty concentrating.**

- **Bunkering down** what war veterans do to prepare for battle. (Example: a war veteran who stays in his garage for excessive periods of time preparing for battle.)

Veterans experiencing the above symptoms should know the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has dumped a policy requiring combat veterans to verify in writing that they have witnessed or experienced a traumatic event before filing a claim for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). In the past, a veteran had to provide written verification such as a statement from a commander, doctor, psychologist or testimony from family, friends, co-workers and war buddies, that the veteran was involved in a traumatic war-time event in order to receive disability compensation for PTSD from VA. Accordingly, the Department of Defense (DoD) uses the same rules in evaluating PTSD for disability retirement pay for active duty service members.

In the future, veterans will be diagnosed with PTSD through a medical examination with no further proof necessary. Former VA Secretary James Peake approved the measure in 2008 and made sure all VA regional offices were in compliance. (Source: U.S. Veteran Compensation Programs July 19, 2019)

See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.



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Rural Minnesota falling behind on census count

Rural Minnesota, especially north and central, could miss out on federal and state funding because of a lower census count.

As of July 14, the state of Minnesota was at 71 percent, the highest in the nation. But Todd County was at 59 percent and Wadena County 63 percent. Morrison County approached the state average at 66 percent. Cass County was extremely low at 35 percent, which may reflect the large number of seasonal homes in the county that are not the main residence of the owner.

The Staples Complete Count Committee is targeting renters with messages to fill out their census form

online. The census counts people where they lived on April 1.

Census help is available this week, July 20-24, at Staples City Hall, from 2-5 p.m. each day.

If people do not fill out the form online, a census worker will come to their residence to fill out the form with them.

Responses to the census help shape the future of your community and inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are distributed for important programs and services in healthcare, emergency and disaster response, education and infrastructure.

Drowning victim identified

A 21-year-old man drowned July 16 in Lake Charlotte in Long Prairie.

Sammy Sosa-Acevedo, 21, of Long Prairie was identified as the victim who was reported missing while swimming near the Lake Charlotte beach.

Witnesses reported the man missing at 7:08 p.m. July 16. Todd County Deputies arrived as witnesses attempted to locate the him in the water.

Deputies and members of the Long Prairie Fire Dept. conducted a search of the area using water-

craft, drone and personnel in the water. After an initial search the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Dive Team was called to assist.

At approximately 9:06 p.m. the dive team recovered the victim in approximately 20 feet of water. He was not wearing a life preserver at the time.

Also assisting at the scene were the Long Prairie Ambulance, Long Prairie Police Dept. and private citizens with watercraft.

The incident remains under investigation.



Staples Host Lions donate

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$500 to the Lakewood Health System Foundation. Pictured, from left, are Heidi Chapman, Foundation Director; and Lion President Mike Gold. The \$500 was a COVID donation that has been applied to securing necessary protective supplies and equipment for staff during this time. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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- 75 YEARS Ago - 1945**
- July 26, 1945 - Barker & Barrett advertise Homes and Farms for Sale: Homes, one 7-room dwelling, modern, North 7th St. and one 6-room dwelling on North 7th St.; and Several improved farms, 40 acres to 600 acre tracts, price range, \$3,000 to \$10,000.
 - July 26, 1945 - The Todd County Fair will be held Aug. 6, 7 and 8. Grandstand performances will include WLS Barn Dance; and Hoagland Circus. Premium lists available at Staples State Bank.

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- July 26, 1945 - Come and pick your own peas on the Fred Zappe farm located 15 miles south of Staples. 75 cents per bushel basket. Don't come Saturdays.
- July 26, 1945 - Monday morning of this week a construction company from Brainerd stated excavation of the basement for the new Anderson Hardware building on Fourth Street and the work was nearly completed Wednesday evening of this week, with a little finishing work to be done by the power driven shovel which is diesel operated.
- Five trucks have been employed for the removal of the dirt for the basement. This dirt has been placed on the vacant lots surrounding the Tyrrell Implement building which is now in the process of construction.

- 50 YEARS Ago - 1970**
- July 30, 1970 - Kent Kraft of Motley was one of the 4-H members chosen to compete at the Minnesota State Fair following the Cass County Achievement Day competition on July 15.
 - His demonstration was entitled "Rope - Craft by Kraft." The demonstration consisted of showing how to make a rope halter, showing how to tie useful knots and pointing out the advantages of both. It was reported that this is Kent's third year in 4-H work. He is a member of the Becker Busy Bees 4-H club and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kraft of Motley. The 15-year-old youth is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Archie McGregor, Staples.
 - July 30, 1970 - Champions of the Babe Ruth Tournament held in Staples last week was the Staples North Team, coached by Jerry Riewer. This marks the second consecutive year that Staples North has captured the championship and Staples teams also won the title in 1965 and 1966.

- Members of the Babe Ruth championship team include Warren Mertens, Joe Neznik, Doug Cizek, Jim Sauer, Dennis Hanson, Dale Zappe, Jeff Cizek, Craig Dezell, Mike Scioli, Forrest Skeesick and Tom Sycks.
- July 30, 1970 - Effective immediately, residents of Staples will be restricted in the use of water for lawn and garden sprinkling purposes.
 - Names of residents with an even-numbered house will be allowed to sprinkle lawns from 7 p.m. to midnight each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Looking back

- day and Friday.
- Names of residents with an odd-numbered house will be allowed to sprinkle lawns from 7 p.m. - midnight each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- No sprinkling will be permitted Sundays, because of lack of water shortage reserve.
- By order of the Staples Water and Light Board. Norman G. Schroeder, Secretary.
- July 30, 1970 - Tip of the Week from Phil Anderson of Phil Anderson's Our Own Hardware: "Before walking through tall grass to reach that lake or stream, dust your legs well with baking soda to ward off chiggers."
 - Anderson goes on to mention in his ad that, "We have brushes for any kind of painting, varnishing or enameling you want to do; also for any size job, from painting a pin-head to a box car."

- 25 YEARS Ago - 1995**
- July 27, 1995 - A young man from Pillager was killed and three companions injured in an accident Saturday night on Cass County Road 77 north of Pillager.
 - Jason M. Clark, 21, was dead at the scene of the one vehicle accident, according to Cass County Sheriff Jim Dowson. The accident took place shortly after 7 p.m. Saturday.
 - Injured and transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Brainerd were Robert Mudgett, 22; Chad Wosnek, 23; and Travis Clark, 17; all from the Pillager area.

- July 27, 1995 - One year after a huge fire destroyed their main production facility, Verndale Custom Homes is in full production in a new enclosed structure, turning out a finished home about once a week.
- July 27, 1995 - Four people escaped injury July 18, when a light plane crashed on takeoff at the airstrip at Morey's in Motley.
- The accident is under investigation, but it appears that pilot Terry Dakovich, of Coon Rapids, was taking off when the plane stalled at an altitude of about 30 to 50 feet.
- The plane was owned by the Yankee Flying Club from the Twin Cities.

- 10 YEARS Ago - 2010**
- July 29, 2010 - It's been one year. One year ago July 24, Peter Achermann left home and never returned. Not a trace of him, other than the car he was driving, has been found since.
 - Family members of Achermann used funds raised through a community benefit to finance their efforts, such as a billboard on Highway 10, to discover what happened to their missing husband, father and grandfather. The Leader area resident disappeared a year ago after taking care of several tasks in Motley and Staples. His car was found on a remote road, but no other trace of the 82-year-old man has ever been found.
 - July 29, 2010 - The Woodland Container building, located on the west end of Staples along Highway 10, is in the process of being torn down.
 - Commonly called "The



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our July 6, 1995 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Box Factory,' the building has been a fixture for 60 years. It was built in 1947 and operated for years as the Berger Patent Lumber Factory. From the mid 1980s to the late 1990s (when the plant closed), it was the home of Woodland Container Corporation. The building was vacant when the structure suffered severe damage in a 2000 tornado. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad,

which has owned the land, is having the building torn down.

- July 29, 2010 - The Staples bakery has two new experts on board; a baker who hails from London, England (Graeme Badger); and a bakery chef who trained at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in the Twin Cities area (Chelsey Cordes).



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photos, published in the July 23, 1970 edition of the Staples World featured participants in the Crazy Days parade in Staples. Pictured above, from left, are Terri Miller and Kathy Richardson, members of a student group who demonstrated for Ecology during Crazy Days activities. In lower photo, from left, are LaDonna Peterson and Martha Rach.

Lois (Mudek) Strobel of Staples recognized the students, as she had been in their Ecology class that summer. In fact, she had this newspaper clipping in her scrapbook, Strobel said. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

COVID-19 rates remain low in area

Despite rising COVID-19 numbers in Minnesota, Todd County has curbed the COVID-19 outbreak down to a trickle. Only two new cases were detected in the county in each of the last two weeks. Morrison and Wadena County are also seeing one to two new cases a week. Cass County has a small increase.

Nearby counties are seeing a larger increase, with Otter Tail County seeing ten new cases and Douglas County (Alexandria area) detecting 25 more cases in the past week, bringing their total to 100.

In Minnesota, the number of new cases has been rising since early June. The number of deaths has fallen to an aver-

age of six or seven per day for the last two weeks. Around 250 Minnesotans are in hospitals because of COVID-19, a number that has been steady for the last four weeks.

Nationally, only seven states have declining COVID-19 numbers as of July 19.

At the July 15 Staples Chamber videoconference, Lakewood Health System President and CEO Tim Rice sent a message saying there hasn't been a positive test at Lakewood since July 8. The health system is now transitioning to "recovery mode" and relaxing visiting rules for senior care facilities, while still taking caution with not spreading the virus. "We are adapting to a new normal," Rice wrote in his message.

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Letters to the Editor

Face mask facts

This is in response to Gary Schimpp’s recent letter to the editor.

Fact 1: The U.S. has 25 percent of the world’s Covid-19 cases but only four percent of the world’s population

Fact 2: Since a lot of Covid19 patients are symptom free and the incubation period is lengthy (up to two weeks during which patients can infect others without knowing it) we don’t know if we’re about to infect other people.

Live the Golden Rule, wear masks

Many of us grew up learning the Bible’s “Golden Rule.” This tells us that we should do to others as we want them to do to us.

During this COVID-19 crisis, it means I should wear a mask to protect you from the virus and you should extend the same protection to me and others. Wear your mask.

Countries such as Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, New Zealand and Australia immediately implemented many safeguards in Janu-

Be safe, wear a mask

I normally wear a mask when I go out, not because I feel sick or think I may be infected with COVID-19.

It’s because the rest of the world doesn’t know me

Simple, easy, wear a mask

COVID-19 is a serious, novel and deadly disease. With that in mind, we’d like to respond to a couple things mentioned in last week’s letter regarding mask wearing. The stats that were mentioned are not what was reported on the official CDC.gov site for the week ending July 4. The CDC site said there were 790 deaths in our country that week, not 71 as was quoted. Check it for updates and accurate information from our nation’s public health agency. (There are fake sites with inaccurate information, so be sure to check the source.)

Wearing masks isn’t about fear, although rational fear isn’t a bad thing. It alerts us to danger, helps us take actions to avoid it. Wearing a mask in public is a matter of respect. Respect for everyone around you and for the recommendations of our CDC contagious disease specialists. These recommendations aren’t opinions, but are based on evidence gathered from scientific methods. As they learn more, information is

Fact 3: Masks are mainly worn to protect others, not so much the person wearing the mask. Masks slow down/trap the tiny droplets we emit when we speak or exhale, so they can’t reach others around us. These droplets are what infect other people.

I think we owe it to the people working in retail who are exposed to hundreds if not thousands of people daily, to keep them as safe as possible by “keeping our droplets to ourselves.” I think we owe it to doctors, nurses and ambulance crews to keep them safe and healthy and to help keep

ary and February, including nearly universal wearing of masks. Taiwan, with a population of 24 million, has had only 447 infections and seven deaths since the outbreak. Australia with a population slightly larger than Florida, has had fewer total infections in six months than Florida had recently in one day. Masks are not the only reason, but they have played a key role in limiting the spread of COVID-19 in these countries.

Contrary to the President’s false assertions that that 99 percent of cases are “totally harmless,” and that “by April, you know, in theory, when it gets a little warmer, it miraculously

and neither of us can be sure I am not spreading COVID. I want you to be safe and feel safe.

It will also protect me a bit if I carefully remove, discard or clean my mask when I get home.

If it isn’t asking too

updated and passed along. Recommendations may change as more knowledge is gained about this virus.

When a person really cares about others, it’s not just in words. It’s shown in actions as well. Kindness and empathy go a long way in showing respect to others.

Many things we do in our country have to do with living together in a society that values goodness, politeness and doing the right and kind thing. Now, maybe more than ever, we need to extend our care to everyone around us. Wearing masks is so simple, so easy and so inexpensive. If we want students to get back to school and business ventures to succeed, we need to be willing to put in the work. All of us. The MN Hospital Association is asking our governor

their workload down, so they can concentrate on all the other daily medical issues.

I think caring about others by keeping our droplets to ourselves and wearing a face mask is the choice in these unusual times.

We will make an effort to wear masks whenever we are in shops, restaurants, anywhere where we can help keep people safe.

The choice of course is yours.

Kai Brings
Staples, Minn

goes away,” between 15-20 percent of COVID cases require hospitalizations, with three-five percent of total positive cases resulting in death. Clearly the virus is harmful to far more than one percent of those testing positive. In addition, the pandemic is projected to last at least another year, and possibly two (as did the catastrophic Spanish Flu in 1918-20).

Wearing masks is not about “individual freedoms.” It is about protecting our families and neighbors. Please, wear a mask. Live the Golden Rule.

Paul Anderson
Wadena, Minn

much, I wish you would wear a mask for me and all the people who have to be out and about.

Such a simple thing, wear a mask or stay home.

Norma Elvine
Staples, Minn

to mandate mask wearing in public because many are not convinced of its effectiveness along with distancing and hand washing. People who aren’t convinced about the value of wearing a mask in public may want to talk to their trusted physician. (Masks or face shields.)

We understood that Ms. Kajer’s letter to the editor two weeks ago was directed to our local businesses, thanking the ones who use safe practices and asking those who don’t now to consider doing so. They say “we’re all in this together.” Well, then, let’s be. Let’s be caring for one another.

Mary Noska
Donna Bestland
Staples, Minn

Shift will drive rural hospital consolidations

By Kelly Asche and Marrie Werner, Center For Rural Policy and Development

For years, the big conversation around healthcare has been how to control the upward spiral of healthcare costs. But within that larger discussion, another one concerning rural healthcare has also been going on, this one about disappearing access to healthcare services for rural residents. Since the 1980s, the hospitals, clinics, physicians, specialists and services available in Greater Minnesota have been quietly going away.

Many of these services have been lost to consolidation of services by healthcare systems. What’s perhaps being missed, though, is that these consolidations are being driven by the very policies created to control healthcare costs.

Now, Covid-19 and the measures that were taken at hospitals and clinics to prepare for it have severely undercut revenues for hospitals everywhere. Many rural hospitals were already operating at zero margins or worse. Without specific policies to address their plight, rural Minnesota will only lose more services and more facilities as healthcare systems cut expenses and deadweight in their fight to survive.

If rural communities are going to continue to have access to healthcare services, it will take policy that recognizes the economic differences between rural and urban healthcare facilities, the demographic differences between their patients and the simple realities of what access to healthcare in rural Minnesota means.

Value-based payments

For decades, payment for healthcare was based on a fee-for-service structure where a hospital, physician, specialist, etc., was paid based on the number of services provided or the number of procedures ordered. As our healthcare system grew in size and sophistication, though, the argument against this model grew as well.

Under the fee-for-service payment model, payers are billed for every step the patient takes through treatment. Those paying the bills, however, health insurance companies, the government, employers started to recognize that the blind spot in this “heads-in-the-beds” business model is that it offers no incentive to promote preventive healthcare or overall quality of health for patients. As Sally Buck, chief executive officer of the National Rural Health Resource Center in Duluth, explains, while overall costs of these services and the publicly funded programs that pay for them grew, research was showing that Americans were paying the most of any industrialized nation for healthcare while having some of the lowest

outcomes.

Consolidation

Health economists have identified several factors driving hospitals to go the merger-and-acquisition route to create a bigger patient pool.

As discussed earlier, hospitals can spread the financial risk posed by a few high-cost patients among a larger pool of average-cost patients, lowering the overall per-patient cost of treatment.

Adapting requires major investments in technology, equipment and buildings to update, streamline and coordinate care. Being in a larger system opens up access to more capital.

A larger patient pool allows a hospital to participate in an Accountable Care Organization, a designation that allows a hospital or group of healthcare service providers to set up goals with state and federal government in exchange for financial incentives.

A larger healthcare provider is able to negotiate higher reimbursements from private health insurance companies. Reimbursements for Medicaid and Medicare patients often don’t cover the cost of the care provided. To make up for this, hospitals try to negotiate higher reimbursements from insurance companies for the same procedures. Hospitals serving a larger percentage of an insurance company’s patient pool have better leverage.

A larger system can usually offer a broader range of services in house, giving patients a more complete continuum of care. In addition, having more specialists in one location improves communication, eliminates duplication of services and allows providers to standardize trainings and processes, providing continuity across all divisions.

Beyond physical communication, systems can use more sophisticated record-keeping to analyze data for overall health trends among patients and the provider’s financial trends.

Larger hospitals tend to have an easier time attracting talent. The trend among younger doctors is to not join a small physician group or clinic where the financial risk is spread over fewer patients. Also, with the demand for record keeping and other administrative work increasing, doctors in smaller groups are often expected to do some of these tasks themselves instead of caring for patients.

Policy recommendations

- Why is a government review required when a healthcare system wants to open up and offer more services in a community (specifically inpatient services), but not when a provider decides to consolidate and eliminate services from a community?
- Rather, we suggest developing a policy that would require healthcare systems planning to remove services from a rural facility,

whether through a cut or consolidation of services, to explain their reasoning and calculate the impact on the community in terms of access and jobs. The increased transparency would at the very least help stakeholders prepare for the changes and develop alternatives.

- Differentiate between rural and urban hospitals, even within the same healthcare system. The economics of rural and urban hospitals are simply different because of economies of scale and patient volume. A cost-cutting strategy developed for one (or all) healthcare systems may work across the board for the system as a whole but cripple the small facilities within the system, leading to further cuts or closures. Can policymakers develop strategies based on patient volume of individual facilities rather than the overall healthcare system? This may be crucial now considering the potentially devastating economic impact the pandemic is having on all of healthcare.

- Assess negative impacts any significant cost-saving policy proposals would have on rural providers: The public has every reason to want to see more control over increases in healthcare prices, but attempts to cap prices or equalize them across payers may limit providers’ ability to make up for their disproportionate losses caused by Medicare and Medicaid’s lower payments. As in the previous recommendation, new policies should be evaluated to understand their impacts on small rural facilities and their very slim to negative profit margins. For instance, policy makers could review the Integrated Healthcare Partnerships program, a legislative pilot program, to assess not only if the model controls costs, but also whether it is causing impacts on rural access.

- Examine what revenue streams hospitals rely on and explore alternatives. For example, rather than requiring hospitals to go through a vetting process only to be turned down for more inpatient services, can a rural hospital receive help to expand its outpatient services? This could potentially lower costs and increase revenue, helping them offer more services to their patients and be a better profit center for their system.

- Explore policy that gives communities more input into the decisions made about their healthcare: Each hospital system is different in terms of decision-making and representation, and some already require regional or community representation on their boards of directors and in other decision-making capacities. But as systems become larger and merge or acquire more providers across the state, the decision-making center moves farther and farther away from local communities. Ensuring local input will help guard against decisions that benefit the system but not the individual facilities and their patients.

Household data during pandemic

Based on responses collected July 2 through July 7, the U.S. Census Household Pulse Survey estimates that during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- 49.9 percent of American adults live in households which have experienced a loss in employment income
- 34.9 percent of American adults expect to experience a loss in employment income
- 10.8 percent of Americans lived in households where there was either sometimes or often not enough to eat in the previous seven days
- 40.1 percent of adults had delayed getting medical care in the previous four weeks
- 24.5 percent of respondents reported having little interest or pleasure in doing things more than half the days/nearly every day last week
- 22.7 percent of respondents reported feeling down more than half the days/nearly every day last week
- 32.3 percent of respondents reported feeling anxious or nervous more than half the days/nearly every day last week
- On average, households spent \$214.19 a week to buy food at supermarkets, grocery stores, online and other places to be prepared and eaten at home
- 25.3 percent of adults either missed last month’s rent or mortgage payment, or had slight or no confidence that their household could make the next payment on time.

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Circle of knowledge

The Table of Knowledge coffee klatch, a group which for years has met regularly at the Burger King in Staples, has taken to meeting outdoors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pictured, from left, are Lee Jenkins, Joe Hasselberg, Tom Honek, Orv Meyer, Greg

Leifermann, Frank Odell and Stan Carlson. Jenkins said that they've been meeting once a week for about an hour, at different locations each time. "Coffee talk as usual," Jenkins reported. (Submitted photo)

Lakes Area Music Festival begins July 31

Concerts to be live-streamed

The Lake Area Music Festival's 12th Annual Season will be held July 31 - Aug. 16. Due to the pandemic, the 10 concert series will be accessible via Facebook Live.

According to a press release, "The talented team at Lakes Area Music Festival (LAMF) is taking COVID in stride." Over the coming weeks, LAMF will welcome a small group of principal artists to collaborate at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd in streaming concerts that can be enjoyed from the comfort of one's own home.

The music selected for their new series fits within a theme of Contrasts. Contrasts is honoring the paradox between the isolation and despair of the present times with the joy that music can bring as it connects us together.

For a complete list of the concerts (musicians, dates, times, etc.) visit their website at www.lakesareamusic.org.

"LAMF looks forward to broadening their audience this summer during a time when music and art are needed more than ever."



Running plays to get ready for football season



Staples-Motley football players practice on the varsity field July 16. Pictured below, players work out in the school weight room. The teams are following state training guidelines by staying in small pods for workouts and not letting the groups mix together. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Summer speedwork

Runners take off on an interval as members of the Staples-Motley cross country team practice together on July 16. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Born to Ashly Wert and James Schuett of Motley, a baby girl, Amelia Rose weighing eight pounds, two ounces on July 13, 2020.

Born to Jenny and Tim Barrer of Baxter, a baby girl, Hattie Kay weighing eight pounds 10 ounces on July 13, 2020.

Born to Michelle and Andrew Lake of Menahga, a baby boy, Rhett Andrew weighing six pounds, 10.5 ounces on July 14, 2020.

Born to Megan Bittner and Nathan Peek of Fifty Lakes, a baby boy, Benytt Jon weighing seven pounds, two ounces on July 14, 2020.

Born to Samantha and Joe Cole of Nisswa, a baby girl, Lila Elayne weighing six pounds, one ounce on July 16, 2020.

Student Achievements

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY recently named its 2020 Spring Semester Dean's List. To be eligible, students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 grade point average during the semester. Local students named include:

- Lisa Kossan, Motley
- Kelsie Weite, Motley
- MacKenzie Zetah, Motley
- Gregory Gentry, Pillager
- Vanessa Peterson, Pillager
- Kyle Huepenbecker, Staples
- Amy Korfe, Staples
- Alexys Thompson, Staples
- Lauren Waulters, Staples.

Angela Etzler

Angela Mae Etzler, 41, Cushing, passed away unexpectedly on July 12, 2020.

Funeral services will be held July 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Angela was born to Alton and Cindy (Rundquist) Opsal on May 25, 1979 in Robbinsdale.

Angela enjoyed fishing, camping and the outdoors. The most important thing in Angela's life was spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her life partner, Larry Rausch; two daughters, Heaven Opsal and Mickey Opsal; one sister and her mother, Cindy Hartinger.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Tabitha Opsal, and her father, Alton Opsal.



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Obituaries

Betty Judkins

Betty Judkins, 95, of Wadena, passed away July 8, 2020, at Fair Oaks Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 25, at 11:00 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena. Visitation at the church will be prior to the service, at 9:30 a.m. Following the service, there will be a lunch outdoors at the Judkins home.

Internment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, with arrangements by the Minnesota Cremation Society.

Betty was born May 15, 1925 at Bertha, to Louis and Anna (Maltz) Beilke. She was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith at Bertha. She attended public schools in Bertha, graduating in 1942. Upon graduation, she was employed by Northwestern Bell in Wadena. Later she worked at Ringer Co. in Staples.

On September 20, 1951 she married Wesley Judkins at Bertha. After their marriage they moved to Aldrich, where they owned and operated a feed store. In 1959, they built their home East of Wadena. Their son John was born in 1963.

Betty was an avid and accomplished fisherman and loved the out-of-doors, as well as gardening.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and active in various areas of the church,



including church council, church financial secretary and women's groups. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

She is survived by one son, John (Jodie); one sister, Alice Sather; two grandsons, Daniel and Nathan Judkins; two granddaughters, Amanda (Mike) Dandl and Hannah Judkins; great-granddaughter, Brazila Dandl; sisters-in-law Ruby Carter and Margie Judkins; nieces, nephews and many long time friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley; parents, Louis and Anna Beilke; three sisters Helen Beilke, Mildred Baerwald, Henrietta Graunke; infant brother Louis; brothers-in-law Charles, Dwayne, Virgil and Merrill Judkins, Roger Carter, Henry Sather and Don Bergeson; sisters-in-law Shirley and Jean Judkins and infant grandson, Jordan.

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1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
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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
Discipleship Classes.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonlight (Kids Program).....4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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

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
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Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

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310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
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MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast.....11:45 a.m.
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SUNDAY
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Facebook Live.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer.....6:30 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.

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Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group.....6:00-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
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Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager

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Pastor Mathew Sundquist
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Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

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Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
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114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
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Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

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

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.
Verndale.....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
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Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes.....9:00 a.m.
Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Coffee / Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery.....6-8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m....Meal.....6:30 p.m....Groups

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316

Pastor Neal Malore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

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

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

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

Check with your church to be up-to-date on service options. Many offer remote services.

"In Praise of the Ministry of Adoption"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

On my east study wall I have the names of children from seven incredible families within our church family that have embraced the high calling of adoption. I'm thinking of another family in our community (among others) that have embraced the combination of foster parenting and the eventual adopting of some of their foster children. This ministry is simply incredible! The taking into one's home another set of parent's child as their own can only be measured in heaven. Thank you to every person who has taken on this high calling.

There may be exceptions, but my personal observation is that many, many, many multiple-leveled challenges have been faced (including unforeseen) in raising these precious children. Clearly, heaven's love is drawn upon to share with these children from God.

It is no wonder that Scripture draws deeply upon the world of adoption to paint the picture of what and how God has embraced us. The apostle Paul is the greatest troubadour of this word picture (Romans 8:15, 23; 9:4 and Galatians 4:5 with Ephesians 1:5).

Why adoption? Aren't we just automatically His children by being created by Him? Well, yes and no. It is true we are His as He made us. But, in our sin, we left Him. In fact, sin

separated our family bond with Him.

In the midst of God's Sovereignty, His Nature offers "free choice" in relationship. Relationship, but is very nature, cannot be forced. Although it is amazing to read throughout the Old and New Testament how insistently (lovingly) God pursues (woos) us and wants us back, He will not force a responsiveness on our part back to Him. As it is an intentional, methodical and often expensive process in human adoption, so it was with God for us.

The adoption price to pay our reentry back into His family was His Own Son on the cross in our place. He paid the price we couldn't pay for our sins. Take time to read the Apostle Paul's words referenced above to appreciate more than ever, human adoption and God's adoption offer for us. It is an unforced offer. Have you accepted His adoption offer for your life? Time is fleeting and is of the essence. As the hymn says, "Please don't turn Him away." Or, another hymn, "The Savior is waiting to enter your heart." He is extremely patient. But, not forever. The offer of living "life eternal" is now. Ask a follower of Jesus to help you know more about this. No one wants this more than God Himself as He shares His heart in II Peter 3:8-9 and in Luke 15:1-32.

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Israelson 2nd, Erholtz 15th at MGA tournament

Two Staples golfers finished near the top of the 117th Minnesota Golf Association Amateur Championship held at the Edina Country Club July 13-15. Andrew Israelson placed second and Beck Erholtz was 15th in the three day tournament that started with 155 of the top golfers in the state.

Israelson recently finished his senior year at North Dakota State University. At the MGA tournament, he shot 10 under par to finish two strokes behind the champion. His three 18 hole rounds came in at 71, 70 and 65. His seven birdies on the third day put him up the leaderboard to almost win. Over the last two rounds, he didn't score a single bogey.

Erholtz is heading into his senior year at Staples-Motley High School. His scores of 73, 70 and 72 left him one under par after three days. He scored six birdies in the second round but also had three bogeys.



Competing for the title

Andrew Israelson, Staples, at the MGA Amateur Championship. (Photo from Minnesota Golf Association)



Derrick Rude



Brayden Christensen



Jake Swendsrud



Cade Schmidt

Lumberbat action at Pine Grove Park

The Staples Lumberbats town league team competed against the Midway Snurdbirds on July 18, at Pine Grove Park in Staples. Pictured, players making plays in

the field and at the bat. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Bobby Kempenich

It's hopper time in Minnesota

One morning recently, stepping into the garage for some now forgotten reason, I startled into flight a grasshopper resting on the concrete floor. Not one of those small, green-yellow junior-size grasshoppers just about as long as one joint of your finger. This was one of the big guys, two-plus inches long, whose wings when they unfold in flight reminded you of those accordion-style paper fans people use to fan themselves on a hot day.



Mike Rahn

Apparently it strayed into the garage when the door was up and was imprisoned when the electric motor brought the door down for the prior evening. In keeping with one of my eccentricities, I grabbed a scrap of cloth from the bin where window washing rags are kept, and after several failed attempts managed to capture the wriggling insect, escort it to the pedestrian door and evict it back outdoors.

Since then, while mowing, picking garden border boulders in a nearby

gravel pit and generally just being outdoors, I've seen more of their kin. Clearly it must be hopper time. I have no official credentials as a naturalist, or as a phenologist, one of those people who keep track of when different natural events and phenomena occur. But there is logic to their appearance as July wanes and August approaches, a time of heat waves, thunderheads and scorched lawns. Grasshoppers feed on grain, pasture, vegetable crops, and now is the time when these are maturing; witness the first cutting of hay going on right now. It stands to reason that grasshoppers will be more in evidence now, when important food sources become most available.

Grasshoppers have a place in the angling world, too. Not as much as they once did, when fishing with natural baits was more the rule than it is now. Hoppers were particularly useful for fishing small rivers, streams, farm ponds and quieter portions of a lake, particularly where grassy cover their natural habitat and namesake lies close to the shore. Winds blowing over this vegetation, as well as misdirected hops, would often end in a grasshopper landing unexpectedly on the water, where it would make a leg-kicking ruckus as it tried to break free of the surface tension.

That's when a small-mouth bass finning quietly behind a midstream boulder or a brown trout sheltered by an undercut stream bank, would be attracted to the spasmodic kicks of the struggling hopper floating down the current and either sucks it in or attacks in a splashy rise. A small, fine wire hook impaling a live hopper would often be the device by which such a fish could wind up on a stringer or in a creel.

A similar scenario might be seen on a farm pond, in the quiet waters of a sheltered bay, places where largemouth bass and bluegills would take a hopper fished either on the surface, or "drowned" as certainly sometimes happens in Nature, but in this case sunk with a small split shot and suspended beneath a bobber.

Just as some anglers once collected their own nightcrawlers in darkness after a rain, some collected grasshoppers and crickets to be used for bait. Tactics included using a wool blanket much like a minnow seine, but drawn through a field rather than through water. The legs of a hopper will readily stick to wool and the insects could be readily picked off it.

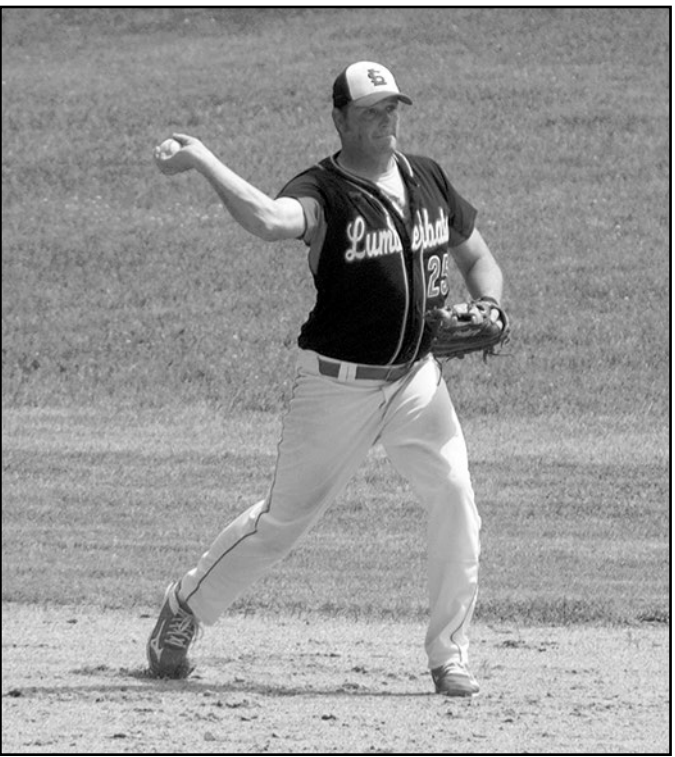
Grasshoppers also move more slowly in early morning, when temperatures are cooler and the sun hasn't yet warmed them.

At such times a grasshopper might be plucked from the vegetation on which it is resting before it can take flight, a small net making the capture even more certain. The hoppers could be stored for future use in a jar or in a hopper trap. These traps could be purchased or homemade, essentially a cage with wire mesh or netting for its walls.

As long as anglers have been pursuing fish, the live baits they used have eventually been imitated with artificial representations. Soft plastic worms, balsa wood imitation minnows with treble hooks and Rapalas are among the more familiar modern examples.

Imitating something as light and fragile as a grasshopper was a challenge, one that was first taken up by anglers who fish with fly rods. They used materials like deer hair, turkey feathers, yarn and thread lashed to a long hook. Today these natural materials have been augmented with closed-cell foam, which is virtually unsinkable, for those times when fishing an artificial hopper on the surface is the preferred tactic.

Grasshoppers as bait may be "old hat" in today's angling world. But in the right place, at the right time, either the real thing or its artificial imitation, fished properly can still be the tactic that brings fish to the net.



Jason Bachmann



**TODD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TESTING**

The public is welcome to observe the Public Accuracy Testing of Election Machines for the upcoming State Primary Election.
Testing will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the Election Room located in the Main Street Government Center at 347 Central Ave., Long Prairie, MN.
Please contact 320-732-4414 with any questions.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 6:00 PM** in the commissioners meeting room, **Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN.**

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Introduction of Planning Commission Members.
- Approval of the July 2020 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. Thirteen Acres Inc: Section 21 Township 128 Range 32 in Burnhamville Township
Site Address: 17621 321st Ave. PID: 06-0030600

1) Conditional Use Permit request to increase existing feedlot animal units from 493 to 552 on the poultry farm.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters. **If unable to attend, all correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

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**BYRON TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF
CANDIDATE FILING
DATES**

The following township offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 until Tuesday, August 11, 2020. The office of the clerk will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2020 for candidates to file.

Candidates must file at the Office of the Byron Township Clerk, 8991 75th Ave. SW, Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay \$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 days prior to departure by giving written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other filing requirements

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 3, 2020:

- Township Treasurer (4 year regular term)
- Township Clerk (Special Term expiring January 3, 2023)
- Township Supervisor Seat 1 (4 year regular term)
- Township Supervisor Seat 2 (4 year regular term)

Beverly J Hoemberg, Clerk
Byron Township,
Cass County

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**POPLAR TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF
CANDIDATE
FILING DATES**

The following township offices will be voted for at the state General Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 until Tuesday, August 11, 2020. The office of the Poplar clerk will be open from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2020 for candidates to file.

Candidates must file with the Poplar Township Clerk at the Leader Community Hall, 7430 State 64 SW Motley, MN 56466. 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 days prior to departure by presenting a written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other filing requirements.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 3, 2020:

- Township Treasurer (4 year Regular Term)
- Township Supervisor Seat 1 (4 year Regular Term)
- Township Supervisor Seat 3 (4 year Regular Term)

Susan Peet, Clerk
Poplar Township

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**MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF
CANDIDATE
FILING DATES**

The following township offices will be voted for at the State General Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. You may call Ty Peterson, 703-209-2678 for an appointment or the office of the clerk will be open Tuesday, August 11, 2020 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. located at 7969 65th Ave. SW, Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 3, 2020:

One (1) Township Clerk - two (2) year term filling an appointment

One (1) Township Treasurer - four (4) year term

One (1) Supervisor - four (4) year term (Seat 1)

One (1) Supervisor - four (4) year term (Seat 2)

Ty Peterson, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township
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See **PUBLIC** NOTICES on page 8a

**ABSENTEE VOTING FOR PRIMARY
ELECTION AUGUST 11, 2020**

Absentee voting is currently available for all eligible Todd County Voters at the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's office for the upcoming Primary Election on August 11, 2020.

Regular office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the address of 215 1st Avenue S, Long Prairie, MN.

There will be *additional* hours available on:
Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, August 10, 2020 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If visiting us in-person, please park on the courthouse hill lot and enter through the north door (nearest the statue and flag).

To absentee vote by mail, persons are welcome to mail, fax, or e-mail us an image of their Absentee Ballot Application form and our office will mail the absentee ballot materials as promptly as possible.

An Online Absentee Ballot Application Portal &/ or printable Absentee Ballot Application forms can be found on our County Website at www.co.todd.mn.us or at mnvotes.org

Note: If you are currently a member of the Uniformed Services (or spouse/dependent) or temporarily or indefinitely overseas, use the websites named above for alternate UOCAVA Application procedures.

Please contact the County Auditor's Office at 320-732-4469 or elections@co.todd.mn.us with any questions.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor Treasurer

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United Tae Kwon Do System resumes Aug. 4, at new location

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Classes will resume at United Tae Kwon Do System in Staples on Tuesday, Aug. 4, at their new location, 119 2nd Ave. NW.

Master Instructor Francisco Jimenez, Staples, is excited for the opportunity to offer martial arts at this spacious building, the former home of NAPA Auto Parts.

Since renting the space, Jimenez (along with the help of friends) has spent hours working to ready the space for students. Walls have been painted, new mats placed on the floor and better lighting installed. Two changing rooms have also been added...one for males and one for females. There will be more improvements made along the way, he said.



Master Instructor

Francisco Jimenez is the Master Instructor at United Tae Kwon Do Systems in Staples. (Submitted photo)

Jimenez first became involved in martial arts when he was 12 years old in his native Spain. Since that time he has gone on to be a state champion many times over. While working on his master degree in Tae Kwon Do, Jimenez said he studied several martial arts disciplines and philosophies. He later combined all that he had learned in order to teach all of the disciplines under one umbrella name... United Tae Kwon Do Systems.

“I teach values that are important to highlight in the society in which we live today,” Jimenez said of his school. He noted that he is

Staples.

Classes offered at United Tae Kwon Do System include:

- Basic Beginners
- Basic intermediate
- Advanced
- Black Belt Club (weapons)
- Private lessons and self-defense

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, students are required to wear a mask at all times during the class. In addition, parents will need to stay outside, but will be able to watch the class through the large front windows. New students and parents are required to make an appointment before entering the building.

“I am looking forward to seeing everyone back at the school to practice the healthy way of martial arts,” Jimenez said. He went on to mention how appreciative he is of everyone who stopped by to help him move into the new space.

He is happy to be a part of the local business community. “Bloom where you are planted,” Jimenez said. “We are in a small town...let’s make a better town by helping the small businesses. I think that that’s what I have been doing since I moved to this country...trying to make a better place through martial arts.”

For more information about class descriptions, schedules, times and fees, call 218-296-0726 or email francisco.jimenezh64@gmail.com.



New name, new roles

Kristina Reese (left) is the new owner of Ribbons & Bows, the salon in Staples formerly known as R Salon, owned by Darcy Mertens (right). Reese previously worked at R Salon as a stylist, and

Mertens, a cosmetologist at R Salon for the past 14 years, will continue to offer her services at Ribbons & Bows. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Ribbons & Bows salon now open in Staples

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The cute little salon located at 401 Pleasant Ave. NE in Staples is still open for business...it just has a new name and owner.

Formerly known as ‘R Salon & Spa,’ the sign outside now reads ‘Ribbons & Bows.’

“I wanted to keep the ‘R,’” said new owner Kristina (Serich) Reese when asked how the new name came about. Plus, she’s always liked bows.

Reese is no stranger to the salon, having worked for the former owner, Darcy Mertens, for nine years.

“Darcy was ready to step down and I was ready to take this next step,” Reese said.

Mertens, who owned and operated R Salon for 14 years, will continue to work at Ribbons & Bows as a stylist. “We just reversed roles,” she said.

Plus, the two work really well together, they both said. In addition to their shared love for the business, they are connected through marriage. “We’re sisters-in-law,” Mertens said, noting that Kristina is married to her brother, Kyle.

Ribbons & Bows continues to be a full service salon...offering haircuts and colors, manicures and pedicures, and massage therapy.

During the mandatory shutdown of salons due to COVID-19, they used the time to make some changes at the shop, Reese said. In addition to an updated new look, there are now larger rooms available for both manicures and pedicures, as well as massage therapy services. “It was a good transition time,” she added.

Working as a stylist is something she always wanted to do, Reese said. After graduating from Staples-Motley High School in

2004, she went on to attend cosmetology school in St. Cloud. She returned to her hometown to practice her craft, working at Family Hair Care for five years before coming on board at R Salon.

In addition to Reese and Mertens, three other staff members offer services at Ribbons & Bows. Shelby Brusewitz and Heather Rollins are stylists; and Kaylene DeWald is the massage therapist.

Although salons and barber shops were able to reopen in recent weeks, restrictions are still in place. At Ribbons & Bows, only one client is allowed in at a time, with the station completely cleaned before the next person arrives. Clients are asked to wait in their vehicles until their stylist is ready for them.

For more information or to schedule an appointment at Ribbons & Bows, call 218-895-5454.



Getting the space ready

The old NAPA Auto Parts building in Staples has been transformed into a martial arts school. Pictured above recently, helping paint and clean shelves are, from left, Steven Elke and Helen Voeltz.

The shelves will be used to hold trophies of students at United Tae Kwon Do Systems school in Staples, taught by Master Instructor Francisco Jimenez. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



In his new space

Francisco Jimenez, Master Instructor for United Tae Kwon Do Systems in Staples, has moved the location of his martial arts school to the former NAPA Auto Parts building on 2nd Ave. NW.

Classes were formerly held at the Landmark Inn in Staples, but will begin at its new location August 3. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Purpose is to succeed on and off field

used it to create their own.” Some schools adopted the program independently even if their state isn’t implementing it.

Lee said he likes that Why We Play is purpose based rather than goal based and it also focuses on life outside of activities. “Everyone has a goal to suc-

ceed, what makes us special is the purpose behind it. It is not just to win, but to develop students as a whole, so they can be successful on and off the field. They can develop their social life as they move forward into adulthood.”

Lee said he will welcome conversations with any

school families and community members who are interested.

“In the dean of students position, I will be in contact with a lot of families. I am excited to get going and see the halls busy with students again. We will have normalcy, if possible.”



Passionate about hair

Hairstylist Kristina Reese, owner of Ribbons & Bows salon & spa in Staples, stands near her newly updated work station. She loves her work, Reese said,

mentioning that she always knew this is what she wanted to do with her life. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Down the hill and ‘round the bend

Workers from Anderson Bros., Brainerd laid two lanes of bituminous on Cty. Road 11 on a bright, hot July 8, ahead of thunderstorms that delayed work the next day. Road work contractors have also been replacing culverts in the area. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)