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Weather

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This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
July 27	76	55	Sunny
July 28	72	54	P. Cloudy
July 29	77	54	Sunny
July 30	83	61	P. Cloudy
July 31	83	60	Cloudy
Aug. 1	83	63	M. Sunny
Aug. 2	85	64	P. Sunny

Last Year, 2021

	High	Low	Cond.
July 27	92°	71	Sunny
July 28	85	68	Rain
July 29	80	64	M. Cloudy
July 30	79	64	M. Cloudy
July 31	81	59	Sunny
Aug. 1	77	56	Sunny
Aug. 2	78	55	Sunny

Average Temps:

H = 82° Low = 60°

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WCCO's Staples area

Weatherwatcher

Public Notice

Villard: 9A

Obituary

Robert Lovelace



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Berg hired as elementary principal

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board approved the hire of Allen Berg as the new Staples-Motley Elementary School Principal, at their July 18 board meeting.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said the district interviewed five candidates to replace Principal Kathy Johnson, whose resignation was approved at the meeting.

"The pool of candidates was really solid," said Tappe.

Berg was at the meeting and told the board that because of construction, he hasn't been in the building yet, but is able to get started on his work without a permanent office.

Other resignations approved by the board included Kristy Brownell, District Nurse; Jody Johnson, elementary teacher; MacKenzie Zetah, Adventures; and Dawn Weite as spelling bee coordinator.

The board approved Cynthia Denning as District

Nurse, and approved several more teacher hires, including: Kelsie Weite, EBD teacher; Erin Judd, MS/HS special education; Katrina Fligge, 2nd grade; Emily Dewes, elementary music; Jamie Pearson, Dean of Students; Natalie Tkalcich, HS English; and Cole Kubesh, MS/HS special education.

The board accepted the resignation of Mark Carlson as Head Wrestling Coach and approved Jim Jackson to fill that position.

The school hired more new sports personnel, including Paul Mithun, assistant football coach; Carl Larson, assistant football coach; Tyler Grunewald middle school football; Cam Larson, middle school football; Erin Potter, middle school volleyball; and Nikki Paskewitz, assistant tennis.

The fall musical production staff were approved, including Travis Chaput, Fall Musical Director; Kristina Haataja, Fall Musical Pit Director; and Thomas Johnson, Fall Musical Art Director.

See **SCHOOL** on page 3a

Brakeman's break room

The tent set up in the Staples rail yard is there to facilitate a project for the Federal Railroad Administration. BNSF set up a 200 car train to facilitate air brake testing, with locomotives being placed into different configurations along the train. Crews doing the testing use the tent for water and lunch breaks. The 200 car train disappears into the distance in the photo above.

The testing is being done with mechanical teams from St. Cloud and Minneapolis, according to Beau Price, BNSF

Director of Locomotive and Air Brakes. He said the results of the testing will be shared with rail authorities in Washington, D.C. and Canada, and will eventually be released into the public record.

Price said they chose Staples to do the testing because a member of the team had been at the rail yard and thought it was a good place to set it up. The testing is scheduled to be completed this week, after going on for two weeks. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Brighten the corner where you are

Susan Davis of Staples has planted an array of flowers at her home on the corner of 4th St. NE and 4th Ave. NE, including a variety of lilies, cone flowers, daisies, flocks, roses, hollyhocks, bee balm and roses. "Gardening is my sanity," she said July 21, when the World stopped by to take some photos. Davis went on to share that she and her husband, Ron Davis, are originally from Verndale, but lived and worked near Dallas, Texas, for 50 years before returning to Minnesota. "I worked for Ross Perot," Susan said, adding that she had been the late billionaire's administrative manager. Ron had worked as a manager at a Tom Thumb grocery store.

Although they are from this area, the move was an

adjustment, and made especially difficult since the couple's children and grandchildren are all in Texas. Planting and maintaining the gardens has brought her a lot of joy and helped her mental health, Susan Davis said. She's grateful for the help her husband has provided along the way. Two years ago, he built her a raised garden bed for vegetables, which they both enjoy. They planted 'John Davis roses' along the side of their house, in honor of Ron's brother, John Davis, who died a couple of years ago. "I have to have color," Susan Davis said, motioning to the flowers. They brighten her spirits, and it makes her happy to know that others enjoy seeing her flowers as they pass by. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Farming accident results in death

Raphael Kern, 63, died in a farming accident north of Verndale on July 19.

At approximately 11:30 a.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a male party who stated another male party had been run over by a tractor.

Law enforcement and emergency personnel arrived on scene to find Kern, of Verndale, had been run over by a round baler. It was reported that the two males had been working on the tractor that was pulling the baler as it had broken down the day before. When the tractor broke down, it was left in gear. While working on the tractor, it started running and driving; running over Kern, who was between the tractor and baler.

Kern was air lifted out to Sanford Hospital in Fargo, where he later was pronounced deceased.

Assisting on scene was the Verndale First Responders, Verndale Police Department, Tri-County Ambulance and North Memorial Air Care.

Thank you for subscribing!



Classic cars, camels and candy, oh my!



Dozens of people lined the streets of Pillager July 9, to watch the annual Pillager Fair Parade. Parade entries included a variety of floats, vintage tractors and cars, firetrucks and political candidates. In lower left, Camden Bybee, one-and-a-half years old, hopes to collect more candy. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Blue ribbon winner

Seven year old Macey Pederson of Eagle Bend, riding Charlie, took home a blue ribbon at the Pillager Fair Horse Show July 9. This was Pederson's first horse show. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Medallion winners



Brian Doucette and his daughter, Isabella, Brainerd, won \$1,000 after finding the medallion at the Pillager Fair. They found it around 5 p.m. on July 9. The Medallion Hunt was sponsored by RDS Moving, LLC, K.C.'s Saloon, Pine River State Bank, Fornshell Bus Service, Pine Country Plumbing & Heating, and Learning Ladder. (Submitted photo)

Motley couple given deadline to clean up property

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Robert and Georgia Follis were given until July 25 to clean up their property at Front St. E. in Motley, or else it would be abated. The potential abatement was on the Motley City Council's agenda for their regular meeting July 11, and discussed at length before they voted on it. The Follises were present for

that portion of the meeting and contributed to the discussion. Police Chief Jason Borash said he'd spoken with the city's attorney, who advised that Robert Follis be given the opportunity to dispute the abatement. In addressing the council, Robert Follis said they'd been "pestered a long time" regarding this situation. Georgia Follis added that they'd received numerous citations, but that they'd

not had a vehicle since June 18, making it difficult to remove things from their property. Georgia Follis went on to say that they finally rented a U-Haul for four days, during which time they were able to haul some items away, as well as one vehicle they'd been cited for. Their insurance company is looking at another of their vehicles that was wrecked, the Follises alleged, by fireworks during the city's recent

June Fest celebration. Their problems would be solved, Georgia Follis said, if they were able to get a dumpster on their property and if they were able to get a new working vehicle. They needed more time, too. Acting Mayor Pat O'Regan asked the Follises how much time they thought they needed and initially, they weren't sure. Robert Follis said a lot depended on his eyes, which he alleged were shot at during the above-mentioned fireworks. He noted that his children were coming the next weekend and could help. In the end, they asked to have two more weeks to clean up their property.

Chief Borash told the council he'd been trying to work with the Follises for a long time. He said he felt it would be a waste of time to give them an extension, as they've refused to do anything to clean up their place. "Personally, I think he's had more than enough time," the police chief said, going on to say that if the council approved the abatement, his plan would be to start cleaning up their property by the end of that week.

City council member Steve Johnson said he agreed with Chief Borash, adding that he respects the police chief and that he does a great job. Georgia Follis, who'd walked into the council chambers aided by a cane, told the council they needed at least two weeks. She said the police chief doesn't know about their disabilities or their financial situation. "I'm trying my best, he's trying his best," she said.

It's not the first time the council has needed to address the couple's property. In a later email, Borash noted that the Follis property had been abated in October of 2020, a process that took over a week, due to their having to work during a snowstorm.

He went on to say that the current ordinance violations for public nuisance have been going on since May 6, 2022. "Mr. Follis was given ample time to correct the violations but failed to make any attempt, so I began citing him on May 31, 2020," Borash said. "He was advised that he would be cited each day as permitted by the city ordinance until the violations were corrected. After a couple of weeks, I began stopping only every few days, taking photos of the property and citing him for each of the previous days as there was no change in the violations. His last few citations

were mailed to him at his request as he did not want me coming to his residence anymore to issue the citations to him."

In the end, Acting Mayor O'Regan and council members Johnson and Jace Carlson voted unanimously that if the Follis property was not cleared up by July 25, city crews would go in to abate it. As part of the motion, the property needed to be completely mowed as well.

Following their vote, Robert Follis addressed the council regarding the fireworks on June 18. He told them that he'd been shot at twice, with the fireworks going past his eyes and that they'd been watering continuously, since. Robert Follis stated he was going to sue the city. The Follises proceeded to leave at that point. As they neared the exit door, council member Carlson noticed Georgia Follis had forgotten her cane, which he brought to her. She thanked him.

In a later email, Chief Borash said that there'd been a report of a fire at the Follis property on June 18. Robert Follis had laundry in baskets and totes of other items that started on fire in his lawn, causing the grass to start on fire leading up to his vehicle. "His vehicle sustained some damage from the fire such as the paint and door handles being melted off, but that was it," the police chief said.

Borash went on to note that Robert Follis claimed the fire started due to the fireworks show that was presented that night. However, this is not possible, Chief Borash said, as the show was completed by 10:30 p.m. and the company providing the show had cleaned up, left, and been gone from the location for some time before the fire was reported just before midnight.

Chief Borash said that he'd never heard anything about Robert Follis allegedly being struck in the eye by fireworks until the council meeting July 11. He also said that two DNR fire inspectors and a State Fire Marshal have inspected the fire and have not been able to give a definite determination for its cause.

In other matters the council: • DENIED a request of Kathie Cyrus of Motley to have more than three dogs at her residence, which is the maximum amount allowed, per the city's ordinance. Since Cyrus currently has five dogs at her residence, as part of their

vote the council stated she would need to get rid of two of them, and bring them proof of that.

During their discussion prior to voting, the council asked for feedback from Police Chief Borash, who said if they allowed an exception for Cyrus, they would need to allow it for anyone who requested one. City Clerk/Treasurer Darci Odden noted that the council had denied a request for more animals one other time in the past.

• PASSED a resolution authorizing food and beverage truck/trailers to operate subject to license requirements.

• APPROVED the food and beverage truck/trailer license application.

• APPROVED Loni Kay's request to be on the planning and zoning commission.

• APPROVED the fire department's request to reserve Converse Park on Tuesday, Aug. 2, for National Night Out. The city will waive the fee, as part of the motion.

• APPROVED purchasing the Toro zero turn mower from M&M Express in Brainerd, for \$11,287.99, or the Exmark zero turn mower from AAA Equipment in Jenkins, for \$10,738, dependent on the test drive of the Exmark and at the discretion of Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton.

• APPROVED Odden's request to attend the 2022 Clerk Academy at Sourcewell in Staples Sept. 15 - 16. The fee is \$249.

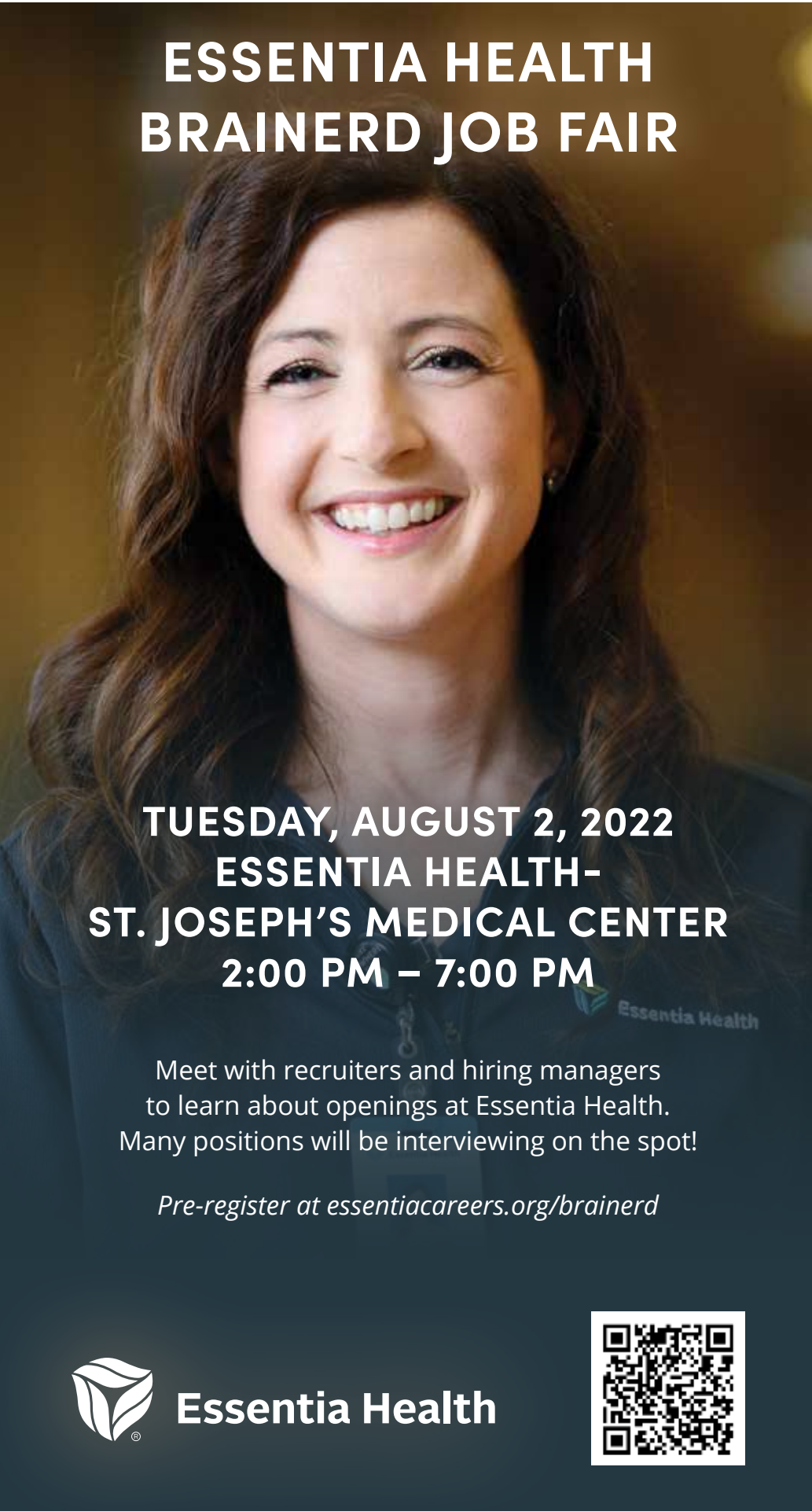
• FORMED a committee to work on personnel policy updates. Members include Odden, Chief Borash, Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton, Acting Mayor/Council Member Pat O'Regan, and newly appointed council member Nikki Bjerga.

• APPROVED a resolution electing election judges for the 2022 primary and general elections. These include Head Election Judge Chris Rosvold; and Election Judges Sherry Frisk, Anita Sutton, Michael Tappe and Wade Scepurek.

• SCHEDULED a public hearing regarding the 2022 Fee Schedule updates for Monday, Aug. 8, at 6:15 p.m., prior to the regular council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

• SCHEDULED the performance evaluation for Police Chief Jason Borash to take place Tuesday, Aug. 8, following the city council meeting. Per Chief Borash's request, it will be a closed meeting.

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• July 24, 1947 - Miss Bertha Sperley, who has been an instructor in the Staples schools for the past 27 years, was granted her Bachelor of Science Degree from the St. Cloud Teachers College at services held last Friday.

Miss Sperley is mathematics instructor in the junior high school in Staples, and will return this fall to start her 28th year.

• July 24, 1947 - Mrs. Lou Thorn, who resides on a farm near Pine Grove Park south of Staples, was seri-

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ously burned about the face, hands and arms Sunday afternoon, when the oven in her gas range exploded. Mrs. Thorn was baking a cake and the oven went out. She opened the door, stuck a match in to light the oven again, and the gas exploded in her face.

Mrs. Thorn was rushed to the Staples Municipal hospital, where her attending physician stated the burns to be second and third degree. She is getting along as well as can be expected, and expects to be released in a week or so.

• July 24, 1947 - Jerry Stevens, 16, received a broken right leg Saturday afternoon of last week when working in Steve's Auto Parts. Jerry had a car up on a jack and had finished his work. In lowering the jack the machine slipped, and the back bumper hit his right knee, breaking the bone just above the knee cap. He was rushed to the Staples Municipal hospital, and Monday morning of this week his leg was placed in a cast the entire length of the leg. Jerry will be a senior in the Staples

high school next year and planned to be active in football and basketball.

50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• July 27, 1972 - High-velocity winds which ripped through the Staples, Philbrook and Motley areas Friday night and Saturday, accompanied by heavy rains during the thunder storms, caused severe damage to crops and property. The rainfall, variously estimated at from around three inches to in excess of six inches, caused severe flooding in the area of the Long Prairie river south of Staples.

No monetary estimate of property loss has been given for this immediate area, but it is expected to range into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The flooding of the Long Prairie river cut off vehicular travel between Staples and Browerville when water overflowed highways, and a bridge was reported washed out in the Browerville area. The bridge over the river near Don's Store, about nine miles south of Staples, was closed to vehicular traffic Monday morning after flood waters topped the supporting structure of the bridge.

A resident of the Moran area, Mrs. Marie Peyer, told The World that this was the highest she had seen the river in over 60 years. She lives with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sweeney, whose farm was flooded by the rising waters and sustained severe crop loss.

• July 27, 1972 - Brian Medred joined Pat Wilhelmson as one of the qualifiers for the State Junior Golf Association Tournament, which will be held at Forest Lake Country Club.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• July 24, 1997 - Saddle up! The first members of



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our July 22, 1982 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.

the Todd County Sheriff's Mounted Posse did just that last Wednesday.

The first formal training session for the sheriff's posse was held July 16, with 30 members and their horses. That first training session was just prior to their first duty at the Todd County Fair this coming week.

• July 24, 1997 - Dem Bones, dem bones, dem old bones.

A tip to police last week about a discovery of human skeletal remains in an building being torn down in Motley turned out to be less than a huge mystery.

A virtually complete human skeleton, a little the worse for wear, even in a slightly reduced-sized coffin, was discovered in the attic of the old Rebekah Lodge building in Motley, Police Chief Dave Asmus said.

The Motley Rebekah Lodge No. 137 was chartered in 1888, but has ceased to function in recent years. The little lodge building a block west of Hwy 10 in Motley has been deteriorating. Sherman Sheets of Staples was tearing the building down for the current owners, the Motley Food Shelf.

Asmus said Sheets apparently found the coffin-shaped box containing the bones and alerted the Motley Police Dept. The police contacted officials with the Odd Fellows Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and learned that the remains were probably at one time used in initiation rites conducted by the Odd Fellows. An Odd Fellows Lodge had once existed in Motley in conjunction with the Rebekah Lodge.

The Grand Lodge had a few years earlier retrieved one skeleton from the Motley Lodge building, they reported. But this one was in the attic and apparently there for so long at all current members had forgotten or never knew of it, Asmus felt.

William Peters of Marble, secretary of the Odd Fel-

lows Grand Lodge, took possession of the bones Friday. He will likely have them cremated, he reported, unless they are found to be fake bones, which is sometimes the case.

• July 24, 1997 - Margaret Halen Twiton of Motley plays Babe in Central Lakes College Summer Theatre's production of "The Queen of Bingo" which will be playing in CLC's Black Box Theatre July 24 - 30.

• July 24, 1997 - Aubrey Gold and Andrew Roth from Wadena County recently attended the 1997 Freedom Seminar sponsored by the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation. The seminar was held at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

• July 26, 2012 - Gloria Fischer is now in her last week as Staples Post Office Postmaster. She is retiring after 31 years working with the U.S. Postal Service.

• July 26, 2012 - The Motley High School Class of 1957 held their 55 year class reunion on July 22, at the Pine Ridge Golf Course, Motley. Those who attended included Barbara Koltes Horn, Donna Green, Belma Ward Trout, Loretta Anderson Jutz, Karen Rogers Crider, Raymond Konen, Janice Opheim Badamo, Jerry Swartz, David Johnson, Rev. Russell Johnson, Ervin Bjerga, Neil Trout. The Class of 1957 had 36 members. Those attending the reunion came from as far away as Montana and Washington.

• July 26, 2012 - For two weeks every summer, children from all over Minnesota migrate to Oylen Camp north of Staples, where they play games, enjoy nature, meet new friends and learn about the Christian faith.

Located on 10 acres of land in Lyons Township, the camp is nestled beneath mature pines and within walking distance of the Crow Wing River. Since it first began in 1904, thousands of people have made life-long memories at Oylen Camp.

Railroad Days preparing for a busy downtown

Downtown Staples should be busy on Aug. 20, with more than 30 vendors planning to come to for the Railroad Days celebration, selling items from food to crafts and candles.

There is a change in the schedule this year, with the parade scheduled for 10 a.m. and all the downtown activities starting after the parade.

The downtown celebration will feature a free kids bounce house zone with six bounce houses.

The Ace Hardware kids pedal pull will be back, as will the mobile axe throwing station. Tower Pizza is planning to host another pizze eating contest and there will be more live entertainment with the Wild West Cowboy Bank Robbery (Good Guys vs Bad Guys) presented by The Cannon Old West Society in Lanesboro.

Saturday will also have an afternoon band, "The Connection", in conjunction with the Staples Chamber beer garden. The evening street dance features "Tail Gunners", presented by B&B's Sports Bar & Grill.

The Friday night fireworks will also return this year on Aug. 19. Stay tuned for more activities, details and times in coming weeks.



School day re-inactment

SAHS Secretary Betty Warren reprises her country schoolhouse teacher days with a class of Komppa kids in the restored log schoolhouse in Sebek's City Park. The schoolhouse will be dedicated on Saturday, July 30, 2022, with a brief program at 1:00 p.m. (Submitted photo)

Log schoolhouse dedication July 30

The 1888 Finnish log schoolhouse in Sebek's City Park has been restored to its original glory and will be ready for visitors on Saturday, July 30, 2022. After over a year of reconstruction, cleaning, sanding and finishing, the building is set for another 100 years.

The schoolhouse, along with the log barn and sauna, will be open at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, to coincide with Red Eye River Days and the Sebek's All-Class School Reunion. The Sebek's Area Historical Society (SAHS) restoration committee is excited to share how an authentic, turn-of-the last-century log schoolhouse looked, inside and out. Visitors will see a new cedar shake roof, replaced or re-sided logs, new doors and windows, scrubbed and oiled walls and a new pine floor.

The inside furnishings will also be on display with turn-of-the-last century student desks, stove, wood box, wash stand, blackboards, wall map case, book case, textbooks and 45-star flag. The committee strove for authenticity in the restoration and furnishings and used, wherever possible,

items from SAHS inventory.

At 1:00 p.m. the committee will present a short dedication program outside the school, weather permitting. Presenters will discuss the history of the building's early uses and how it got to Sebek's, the restoration process and future plans for community use. Marlene Mattila Stoehr, granddaughter of schoolhouse builder August Mattila, will share her reflections on the Mattila family and their dedication to education in early Wadena County.

Also included in the program, will be Frank Eld, a Finnish historian, culturist, log construction and restoration specialist, will present his views on the historic significance of the schoolhouse. He will also give a presentation following the dedication program in the restored schoolhouse.

The committee appreciates all those who contributed to the restoration with donations, labor, materials and display items. Everyone is invited to visit the three-building Pioneer Village in the City Park on US Hwy 71 during your visit to Sebek's.

Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Nov. 10, 1983 edition of the Staples World featured *Teresa Kludt, left, and Laura Nelson, the Motley High School representatives who had attended a student council convention in Moorhead. Advisor Patrick Held accompanied the two students at the convention.*

Pat Held of Motley correctly identified the girls and knew it had to do something with student council, as he was the advisor at that time. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Gary and Chris (Swecker) Trout of Motley, both 1982 MHS grads, correctly identified the girls, but thought it might have something to do with volleyball. Gary said he took both Teresa and Laura to the prom (different years). He also mentioned that Teresa's sister, Roxanne, graduated in their class.

Leslie (Miller), a 1984 MHS grad, now from the Twin Cities, wrote in to say, "Those two lovely and talented ladies are my former classmates and two of my very best friends from high school and beyond. I don't remember the reason for the photo, but I can say that I have many great memories with them both. Fun to see this photo again after all these years."

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School renovation project still on schedule, on budget

Further staff hires included Kathy Dobson, paraprofessional; Stacey Sterriker, paraprofessional; Valerie Nanik, paraprofessional; Kellie Kasper, custodian; Dennis Freih, custodian.

Building projects

The board listened to an update from ICS, the company in charge of the school's summer building projects. The elementary school refurbishing is on schedule and on budget, according to ICS, with the underground plumbing in

place and the school is starting to get put back together. The board planned to tour the construction as part of their Aug. 1 work session.

Future construction projects have bids out. The addition of a gymnasium for the elementary school will have a bid opening of Sept. 13, with construction scheduled to start in May, 2023. The board approved drawings of the gym design.

The high school construction bid opening is Nov. 8, with construction also to start in May. Both projects

would continue into fall, 2024.

In other news, the board

• Reviewed middle school/high school handbook.

• Approved 2021-23 Administrators' Group Master Agreement updates due to staffing changes.

• Approved Q-Comp career ladder positions.

• Heard from Superintendent Tappe about new state laws limiting screen time for young students.

• Approved new meal

prices that were raised to align with state recommendations.

• Approved settlement agreement with Minnesota Management regarding PEIP participation.

• Approved fee schedule that includes no fees for athletic participation. Activities Director Josh Lee said participation in activities is up by 70 since the school implemented the no fee policy. "It's making an impact of getting our students involved," said Tappe.

Do you want to make a difference in the community?

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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How many Minnesotans read newspapers?

Minnesota is home to 14,000 lakes, 12,000 loons, 135,000 seasonal lake cabins and 3.9 million newspaper readers. Really?

Really. Every month, 86 percent of Minnesota adults read newspapers' print and online issues, according to a new Minnesota Market Study conducted by Coda Ventures. The study measures media usage and purchase behavior of Minnesota adults across urban and rural zip codes (see full-page ad in this issue).

The 3.9 million Minnesota newspaper readers number might not come as a surprise to you. After all, you are reading a newspaper right now. You are in the majority of Minnesotans who value your newspaper's local news and ads.

Who are these 3.9 million Minnesota newspaper readers? Coda reports:

- 78% are under age 65,
- 68% are homeowners,
- 77% believe they have a responsibility to shape the future of their communities,
- 77% vote in local elections, 84% vote in state and national elections,
- 80% believe newspaper advertising is important,
- 69% take action as a result of newspaper advertising,
- 57% use newspapers to decide which products to buy,
- 72% have lived in the community five or more years,
- 91% of the people who contact elected officials/community leaders, and
- 92% of the people planning to attend local events such as festivals, fairs, concerts, sports and bars

Minnesotans said they rely on local newspapers as their primary source of news and information about schools, local government, high school sports, local entertainment, candidates/ballot issues, crime and safety.

Minnesotans rely on newspapers for local advertising, too. Most, 69%, said they take action on newspaper ads.

Minnesotans set a high bar in many areas. Think about it. The Gopher State has the nation's greatest voting participation rate, not to mention an impressive variety of Paul Bunyan statues and the largest ball of twine collected by one man.

Minnesota's lofty newspaper readership and action taken on newspaper ads is impressive. It makes sense readers who vote want to learn about local elections, learn about candidates running, and learn about local issues from a trustworthy local news source. Wise candidates and businesses buy ads in these same news pages where 80% of its readers believe newspaper ads are important.

Minnesota is home to 275 newspapers. Unlike other states, every one of Minnesota's 87 counties has a newspaper. Most counties have multiple newspapers. And many newspapers are hiring. Really? Check out www.mna.org/member-classified to see dozens of current job openings.

However, some U.S. and Minnesota cities don't have a community newspaper. Studies find cities and counties without a community newspaper pay higher taxes because no reporters are watching local governments, have lower voter turnout, have fewer candidates running for office and more partisanship.

Minnesota's 3.9 million newspaper readers could fill up U.S. Bank Stadium's 73,000 seats 53 times and still have a waiting line. Picture 53 U.S. Bank Stadiums. That's a lot of readers. And Minnesota newspaper readers nearly double the two million Minnesota State Fair goers.

The pandemic was tough for many businesses. But Minnesotans desire for local news and shopping grew. Many newspapers saw a 30 percent bump in online readers seeking local health and school news. During the same pandemic period, a good number of Minnesota newspapers also grew subscriptions. Community members, like you, felt a need or desire to support their hometown and hometown newspaper. That rally to local news and taking action on newspaper ads is likely reflected in these strong survey results. How strong?

Imagine 3.9 million other Minnesotans - just like you - who care. You are the power behind your community. You are the power of community newspapers. Together, we are the power of healthy communities. Really.

—Matt McMillan is CEO of Press Publications, Northstar Media, Kanabec Publications, Sentinel Publications and Publishers Printing Service, Inc.

Quote of the week

“Journalism is the protection between people and any sort of totalitarian rule. That’s why my hero is a journalist.”

— Andrew Vachss

Faith and family

I don't want to be quick to be self-righteous, judgemental, selfish or blame anyone who dares to disagree with me. I want to hold on to the truth of God's word - Jeremiah 1:5 - "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

In 1928, my mom and dad started their family of eight children, number eight born in 1950. I am so thank-

ful our parents had their faith to keep them strong in some very hard times and the strength to do the hard work on a dry land farm. As a woman, our mom took her "profession" seriously, in other words not trivial. She knew to raise the eight from her womb it would take hard work and not be lazy, to feed clothe, educate. It took faith, family, friends, where pro-life still stands today. Thanks, mom Mayme.

Barb Schimpp Rach
Verndale, Minn

Choose life

It saddens me so, to think there are people in the world that put their finances and careers over a human life. Abortion isn't a convenience to end a pregnancy because it got in the way of your lifestyle. Abortion is the senseless killing of a human being. A little defenseless baby.

If you think it's OK to kill babies to make your life easier then why stop there? What happens when your life gets difficult when your kids are teenagers? Do you kill them to make your life

easier? No, that's ridiculous. Or how about your elderly parents? What if they can't take care of themselves and there is no room in a care center? Do you kill them to make it easier on you? No, of course not.

There is eternity. And we have a choice where we spend it. Heaven or Hell.

I Choose Life. Heaven. Staples born and raised. Staples graduate. Not perfect but speaking out for those who can't speak.

James M. Nichols
Baxter, Minn

New student spaces at CLC

By Dr. Hara Charlier
President of Central Lakes College

When students come back to campus this fall, things are going to look a bit different. Not only will they find new programs, but they will also find new spaces and new partnerships.

We're in the process of revamping some of our current spaces to better serve our students. One of the most noticeable changes is our new Student Needs Hub. We created this space to house our newly expanded food pantry, mental health services (social worker, teletherapy, tele-psychiatry), and we're collaborating with local community resources to provide services on campus for housing, transportation and health services.

"CLC serves many first generation and low-income students from across the region," said Mary Sam, CLC's Dean of Students, Wellness & Equity. "Many of our students are managing more than one job, juggling daycare and dealing with barriers in mental health services, addiction and recovery resources, transportation, housing and health care needs. This mental health and student resource hub will help remove barriers so students can concentrate on completing their education."

At the Student Needs Hub, we've

expanded our outdoor recreation program with an enclosed trailer, housing everything a student needs to enjoy our beautiful region. Students can borrow kayaks, mountain bikes and more for free.

No matter what our students' interests are, they'll find a space here that speaks to them. Gamers will appreciate the new E-sports lounge. Athletes will enjoy our expanded, updated weight room. Just about anyone will appreciate the new sand volleyball court and permanent events tent just installed outside.

All students can take advantage of the upgraded technology and computer commons. It's getting a facelift, transforming from a place where students go to use technology, to a place to get expert help. The feel of the space is changing, too, with high and low tables, places to plug in, and private and group rooms for students to take a zoom class or study. Inside the library, we're adding private pods and group rooms. These new spaces ensure that we are able to serve students with all learning styles.

Every year, we introduce new academic programs to better meet the needs of students and our community. This year, students will find these exciting new programs: Meat Cutting and Butchery, Computer CompTIA

and Computer IT Security & Networking, Communication Studies Transfer Pathway Associate of Arts, Social Media Producer, Online Media Specialist and Master Video Producer. You can find out more about these programs on our website: www.clcmn.edu or just stop by one of our campuses.

The CLC Raider athletic program has a long history of success. This year, we're excited to add our sixth intercollegiate athletic sport with the introduction of Clay Target. Check out one of the fastest growing college sports in the country. For more information, contact Coach Robb Kolodziej at 218-855-8268.

Partnerships have always been pivotal to our work. This month we celebrated a new collaboration between CLC and the City of Brainerd to provide a public access channel across the region. The new channel is called the College and Community Channel (BC-3), and we're thrilled to partner with the City. This cost-neutral project is led by the Videography Program and will provide hands-on broadcasting opportunities for our students.

So many great opportunities await you on our campuses. I invite you to come take a look.

The Halo Effect of sacred spaces

By Johnaé De Felicis
Blue Zones

When our world feels like it's spinning out of control, it's easy to despair. People everywhere feel like they need a place to reconnect with their essential humanity and rediscover a sense of purpose. And while this is a positive and necessary response to the challenges we face, it's not enough to sustain your peace of mind long-term.

The human community has found ongoing renewal through family, friends, and community bonds. Additionally, local churches and sacred spaces are among the most common places where people turn for refuge.

In the original blue zones, all but five of the 263 centenarians we interviewed belonged to some faith-based community. Research shows that attending faith-based services just four times per month will add 4-14 years of life expectancy—and denomination doesn't seem to matter. "People who pay attention to their spiritu-

al side have lower rates of cardiovascular disease, depression, stress, and suicide, and their immune systems seem to work better ... To a certain extent, adherence to a religion allows them to relinquish the stresses of everyday life to a higher power," says Dan Buettner, Blue Zones founder and National Geographic Fellow.

Impact on local communities

In the last few decades, there has been a boom in research surrounding the impact that sacred spaces have on the local communities that host them. In addition to the spiritual benefits that are often associated with sacred spaces, researchers have begun to explore the impact that these spaces have on the people that they surround.

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Partners for Sacred Places pioneered a new ap-

proach to quantifying congregations' public value and economic significance, called The Halo Effect.

In 1996, Partners for Sacred Spaces partnered with The University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy & Practice, along with Dr. Ram Cnaan, the school's director. Their first scientific study sought to quantify the economic value of religious congregations and their contributions to local communities surrounding them.

They discovered that congregations in urban settings contributed, on average, more than \$140,000 per year in economic value through charitable acts of service, donations to community programs, and available space below the market rate.

Research results

In their 2010 study, Partners' research findings centered on 12 Philadelphia-based congregations. Their research revealed that the congregations' contributions to annual economic value totaled close to \$52 million in their communities. The evidence resulted in Partners deeming local congregations as 'critical economic catalysts'.

Congregations were evaluated on over 50 different factors, including open space, direct spending, education, magnet effect, individual impacts, community development, social capital and care.

Partners for Sacred Spaces released another study in 2016 that expanded on previous research. Called "The Economic Halo Effect of Historic Sacred Places."

This newer evidence proved that sacred places deserve recognition as de facto community centers that significantly take charge of local housing and community service needs. Partners found that nearly 90 percent of individuals who benefitted from congregation-hosted programs came from the larger community, and weren't members of the actual congregation.

Civic value

Collective research on the Economic Halo Effect

has validated Partners' claims of the considerable civic value of sacred places, due to their efforts to serve underprivileged populations, support local businesses, and strengthen neighborhoods.

On average, congregations employ six part-time and five full-time staff members. They generally get their goods and services from local vendors and small businesses, further contributing to the sustainability of their community's economic ecosystems.

Partners for Sacred Spaces is currently furthering their research beyond urban congregations to assess the halo effect of churches in rural or smaller church-es.

The Halo Effect today

Where there's a strong sense of community, it's almost inevitable that there will be a physical place to call home. Church and community are inextricably linked.

Churches, mosques, and synagogues are where people come together to serve a higher power, love others, and build community. But what happens when it doesn't feel like a welcoming home for its members? Where are they feeling the most disconnected? And how can we make our sacred spaces more welcoming to everyone?

The aftermath of the Economic Halo Effect's release has been met with a dedication to further bridge the gap between sacred spaces and their communities. Partners for Sacred Places have extended their wealth of knowledge and resourceful staff members, in an effort to teach communities how to leverage their sacred place's halo effect, in the areas of space sharing, fundraising, community outreach, and building maintenance.

Partners of Sacred Spaces have worked with the National Fund for Sacred Spaces to advance their goals. Overall, they are committed to helping congregations realize their value and better justify it to their members and larger communities.

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Folk band 'Caleigh' performing at Music in the Park



Eclectic band

Caleigh, a Minnesota band, will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 31, at 7 p.m. Pictured from left are Dee Furfaro, Pine-wood; Lenore Siems, Bemidji; and April Larson, Bagley area. The series is made possible with a gift from the Staples Host Lions Club. (Submitted photo)

'Caleigh' will perform at the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 31, at 7 p.m.

Comprised of three musicians (Lenore Siems, Dee Furfaro, April Larson), Caleigh is a Minnesota band whose sound is earthy and eclectic. Expect to hear a fusion of world folk, Celtic, bluegrass, American Old-Time and original compositions.

Caleigh has shared their musical journey of 20-plus years with audiences throughout Minnesota and fans worldwide via the internet.

The band has released five albums on the Lily Label, each graced with the sounds of harp, fiddle, bodhran, banjo, accordion, guitars, mandolin, congas, viola, contra bass, balalika and captivating vocals. According to information at their website, "Caleigh's

music will inspire the imagination of listeners as they travel through a time-honored musical experience."

Caleigh's albums have been sold worldwide via iTunes and CD Baby. Through MP3, several of the band's tunes were selected as number one on the musical charts and their arrangement of St. Patrick's Day Medley was used as the background music for internet greeting cards. In 2000, several tunes were selected for a Canadian multimedia middle school social studies curriculum resource called Living Histories: Founding of America. In 2013, Caleigh was the featured band for the radio show, "Minnesota Center Stage." They've also been featured on Lakeland Public TV's, "Backroads."

For more information about this band, visit their website at www.caleigh3.com.

Staples-Motley School board work session Aug. 2

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a work session, Monday, Aug. 2, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

The agenda includes a presentation by Ehlers on the Operating Levy renewal and an Elementary School Project Tour.

Upcoming schedule:
Aug. 2 - Aug. 16: Filing dates for school board candidates
Mon., Aug. 22 - Regular Board Meeting, 6 p.m., District Office
Mon., Sept. 19 - Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office.

Minnesota Trappers Association Convention

The Minnesota Trappers Association is bringing their Annual Convention to the Wadena County Fairgrounds, Thursday, Aug. 4 - Saturday, Aug. 6.

Their schedule includes the following:

- Thursday - Saturday - Food vendors, flea market style vendors and camping on site
- Thursday - Indoor ven-

dors and trapping demos from noon - 5 p.m.

• Friday - Indoor vendors and trapping demos from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free will donation meal at 6 p.m. with live music to follow

• Saturday - Indoor vendors and trapping demos from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Kids games at 10 a.m. and trap setting contest at 11:30 a.m. The public is welcome.



STEP receives donation

The Staples Host Lions Club recently donated \$1,000 to STEP on in Thrift. Above: Cory Lawrence, STEP and Steve Sing, Staples Host Lions president. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Eagle visits the Staples Library

Flocks of visitors attended the University of Minnesota Raptors' presentation held recently at the Staples Library. The event was made possible by donations made during the Locally Grown' Campaign. Many more upcoming educational, fun, free events are listed on the library website at www.griver.org. (Submitted photo)

Mark Your Calendar

July 28

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

'WALK WITH A DOC' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota>

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, July 28, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Staples Community Center. Dick Rueter, caller. For info., 218-296-1642.

'HISTORY IN YOUR BACKYARD'

LECTURE SERIES will present 'Rural Schools' panel presentation (led by Dave Johnson) at the Pillager School's CTC Center. Rural school teachers from years gone by will share about what education looked like. Refreshments served, open to all. For info., call Sue Van-Hal at 218-821-2276 or Dave Johnson at 218-251-5468.

July 29

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 1

AA GROUP Mtgs IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave.

S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

August 2

RUBY'S PANTRY is held on the first Tuesday of each month at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples beginning at 6 p.m.

OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

August 3

DEMMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP offered by Lakewood Health System of Staples, meets the first Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m. - noon, in the Burlington room, located through Door C at Lakewood's Senior Campus (401 Prairie Ave. NE), Staples. For info., 218-894-8851 or 218-894-8067.

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Motley Free Methodist Church
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Sunday, July 31 6 p.m.
All Welcome! Free will offering.

AUCTION
The following items will be sold at auction, located at the Motley Fairgrounds in Motley, MN. Indoors if rain.
Saturday, July 30, 2022
SALE TIME: 10:00 a.m. RESTROOMS AVAILABLE LUNCH ON GROUNDS

Oliver Fiat 1250 tractor, (1966-1967) with White 1510 front end and bucket, wheel weights, owner's and service manuals. Model 125-2108 #709215 Oliver HG crawler tractor (1949) Hercules engine with Skyline front end bucket #HG42-52GA202 1999 Chevrolet Tracker 4WD, 146,000 mi., with 2 vol. service manual 1977 VW (Volkswagen) trike, manual shift, 4 spd. Kayot Pontoon (1974), updated sides, floor, carpet, with new 2008 pontoon trailer, 50 hp Force outboard motor, runs Homemade pto backhoe Homemade pto log splitter Countryside (Magnum) wood pellet stove with spare parts 1980 Glastron boat (10) with trailer 2000 Alumina snowmobile trailer, 2-place with wood slat sides Bolens tractor 1556 hydrostatic Husky Bolens tractor 1453 Bolens body parts, hoods, service manuals Bolens snow blowers Bolens mower decks, tiller and blade Sears Craftsman lawn tractor (1986?) works, runs 1981 Honda CB 750 motorcycle 1997 Polaris Explorer 500 ATV, no title 1986 Polaris Explorer 500 ATV 1979 Chevy truck with Meyer snowplow, no title Square body Chevy body parts, new in box	5 ft. tractor back blade Tiller pull behind lawn tractor Boat trailers, no titles Car ramps, heavy duty Cement mixer, electric Metal cutting bandsaw Lincoln portable welder Shop vacs, larger size Recor garage heater with LP conversion kit 350 Chev. small block w/new pistons 2 flat tow bars, one homemade, one new in box ATV water/liquid tank Cast iron wood stove Older Toro lawn tractor Sawzall Belt sander Several 55 gal. metal barrels/drums with covers Teumseh service manuals 2 cases (12 cans per case) of R134A refrigerant for autos 10 pound canister of refrigerant 22 Cherry picker for auto. engines Older Toro lawn tractor Sears plastic cartop luggage carrier woodworking kits, new shirring OSB board, 4 X 8 sheets Air compressor Hydraulic pump/ assortedydraulic parts 16 inch Craftsman electric chainsaw, new in box Nice caliper tool Wrenches, tools, tool boxes, vices, screwdrivers, clamps, sockets, ratchets. Sears, Craftsman, many made in the U.S.A., too numerous to list 1982 Buick service manual 1991 Chevy truck service manual ATV service guide, full service	Wood chipper French fry cutter, cast iron Vintage lawn tractor service manual Vintage Evrude outboard motors Old vintage Popular Mechanics How To encyclopedias Vintage metal drawers filled with gun cleaning supplies Alaska board game, new in box, vintage Vintage thermos bottles, new in boxes AKW collectibles, mugs, bears Older MUSICAL COLLECTIBLE Hohner button box Olympic Rose colored piano accordion with hard case Kachina dolls from New Mexico/Arizona Collectible model gas pumps, new in boxes Several model of Fovline books SPORTING AND MISC. Inflatable boat pull behind toy remote control helicopter, new in box Large Marlboro 12 v cooler Gun case, wood trip, glass, locking RV toilet, new in box Coleman camping stove HOUSEHOLD Mix Master Electric roaster Oster digital toaster oven with convection, new in box Wood mirrored hanging shelf Wood Adirondack chairs, home built 2 bottle jacks Bacon presses Meat grinder Christmas ornaments, new in box
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MANY MORE MISC. ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION

HOUSEHOLD

Little refrigerator, like new

TV stand

Small table and chairs

A lot of household items

Pots and pans

Canning stove, gas

Knick knacks

Hospital bed

Queen bed, nice

Pressure cookers

Clocks, lamps

Nice end tables

Candles

Canning jars and blue jars

Stereo set

VCRs and tapes

Roasters

Stainless kettles

Knick knacks

Electric wire

Dog carrier

Lanterns

Projector screen

Meat slicer, nice

BB gun

Battery chargers

4" and 6" alum. step ladders

16' extension ladder

New, homemade 5' X 14' trailer, 15' tires with wood floor, lifetime lic.

Sunflower heater

Hydrostatic 4518

Yard Machine snow blower, 5 hp 21"

Push Yard Machine with bagger

Wrenches and sockets

Tool boxes

Saws

Hand tools

2 lawn carts

Armo. boxes

20 ga. shells

Nuts, bolts and screws

Elec. water pump

Sled

Wheelbarrow

Live traps

Arrows

Live traps

2 HP 8-gal. air compressor

2 Radio Flyer red wagons

2 table saws

Gal. minnow buckets

Electric cement mixer

Babbar coolers

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Old Ball jars and caps

Meat cleaver

Old gas cans and oil cans, steel

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Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Anna and Mike Janssen of Staples, a baby boy, Connor Alexander weighing six pounds, six ounces on July 16, 2022.

Born to Amber and William Maclaughlin of Fergus Falls, a baby girl, Isabella Rose weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on July 18, 2022.

Born to McKenzie and Brett Fellbaum of Hewitt, a baby girl, Lucy Ruth weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on July 19, 2022.

Obituary

Robert Lovelace

Robert Lovelace, 64, of Northglenn, Colorado and formerly of Staples, passed away May 29, 2022, at his residence.

Services will be held Saturday, August 13 at 11 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church. A luncheon will be held at noon.

Robert was born August 18, 1957 to Ronald and Ethel “Terry” (Rencountre) Lovelace in Rapid City, South Dakota. Robert served in the United States Air Force. He became a professional driver for many years, ending his working career as a car salesman.

Robert is survived by his mother; three children, Arin Lovelace, Stillwater, Ronald “Deuce” (Courtney) Lovelace, Anoka and Thomas Lovelace, Garrison; four grandchildren, Leatte, Robert, Cameron and Michael; one sister, Loretta (Kevin) Ely, Stratton, Nebraska.

He is preceded in death by his father, Ronald; one brother, Michael Lovelace; grandparents, many aunts, uncles and several cousins.



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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples Staples Alliance 1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891 Pastor Zach Jones.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....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 Sunlight (Kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m. Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m. Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein Facebook Live Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m. First Congregational Church, UCC firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com 204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571 Worship.....9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m. Sacred Heart Church 310 4th St. NE, Staples Church.....218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS: Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m. Sunday.....8:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship.....9:30 am. Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m. Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923 Pastor Scott Jorgenson Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m. United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248 Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship) Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults).....9:15-10:15 a.m. Aldrich Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m. Cushing Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason www.bethanylutherancushing.org Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443 Phone: 218-575-2449 www.lincolnfree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad SUNDAY Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m. YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Community Meal.....5:30 p.m. Family Night.....6:00 p.m. Cushing Baptist 26298 Bear Rd., Cushing Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible study.....7:30 p.m. Leader Swan Valley Lutheran Leader.....218-397-2470 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Sunday Worship January - July.....9 a.m. July - January.....11 a.m. Maple Hill Lutheran Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.	Motley Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466.....218-352-6888 Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor 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. 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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 Pawlowski 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.
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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:

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Jesus has a lot to say in relatively very few words about how we tend to see other people’s specks of saw dust in their eye while missing our own logs in our eye (Matthew 7:1-5). This can be true in the way we use (God’s) money... and people.

Although dated, there is a beginning illustration to all of this in a book entitled “Signs of the Times” (Paul Lee Tan, Assurance Publishers, 1979 pp. 1503-1504) when he records national government waste by then Senator William Promire as researched by a Mrs. James D. Davidson. Some of what she researched was as follows:

“\$117,000 to support a board of tea tasters; \$70,000 to study the history of comic books; \$70,000 went for the study of the smell of perspiration given off by the Australian aborigines; and \$150,000 went to teach mothers how to play with their babies (a little more redeeming).”

Another Congressman found a program costing \$121,000 to try to find out why so many people say “ain’t” and the list goes on and on.

We could go on to countless examples of people wasting time. “Between 1968 and 1974, a Mrs. Marva Drew of Waterloo, IA typed from 1 to 100,000 on a manual typewriter. When she was asked why, she replied, “But I love to type.” She used 2,473 pages of paper for that feat of triviality.”

So, let’s not let ourselves off the hook. Do you and

I live in a way that shows that we truly believe that all physical resources, time and people belong to God? Psalm 24:1 reminds us that “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it; the world and all who live in it. That is a foundational view of being a good steward of all that belongs to God.

Regarding money, why is it that money is such a volatile subject to preach and teach about? Is it because we are holding God’s money with tight, closed fists as though it belongs to us? Jesus says in Matthew 6:24, “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to one and despised the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

In stark contrast to that, we hear the wonderful, freeing words of the apostle Paul in II Corinthians 9:7 that “God loves a cheerful giver.”

We can consider the stewardship of the time God gives us... all 168 hours every week until our last breath. The apostle Paul again describes “The redeeming of time” in Ephesians 5:16. The Today’s New International Version says this: “making the most of every opportunity...”

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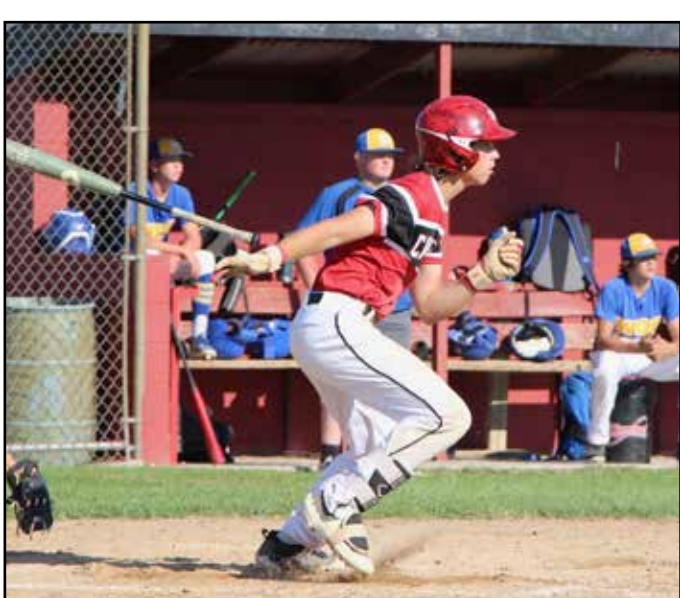
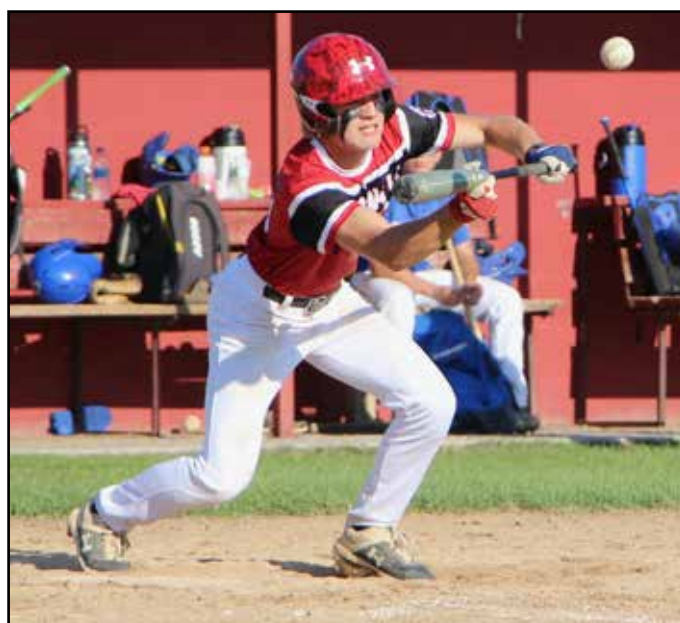
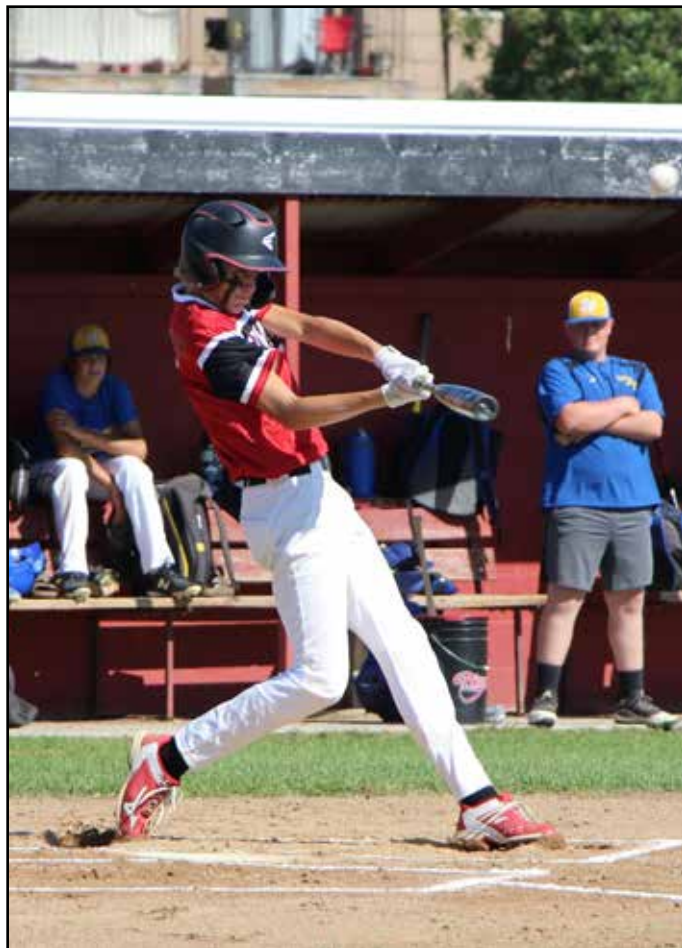
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State tournament berth

The Staples-Motley 13-15 year old baseball team advanced to the state tournament with a 8-0 win over Wadena-Deer Creek in their qualifying tournament, hosted at Jerry Riewer Field in Staples. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Old Wadena Rendezvous and Chautauqua cancelled for '22

The severe storm of May 30, 2022 has damaged the Old Wadena County Park campground and surrounding woods to the extent that the park cannot be used for the Old Wadena Rendezvous in 2022. Wadena County government is working to clear the damage away, but this work will be in process for the remainder of the summer.

At its June board meeting, the Old Wadena Society considered options for this year's Rendezvous. After weighing the possibility of

using one of several other places the board voted not to produce a Rendezvous this year because the event is so closely identified with the Old Wadena site.

The Old Wadena Society will put its efforts and resources toward helping Wadena County in its effort to return the Old Wadena County Park and campsite to a useful and beautiful place again and to be ready for the Old Wadena Rendezvous and Chautauqua in 2023.

We appreciate all the sup-

porters and friends of the Old Wadena County Park and Old Wadena Society - we are sorry this destructive storm has caused a disruption in the history of the Rendezvous. We ask for your continued support and care for this park that is the "crown jewel" of the wonderful parks along the Crow Wing river in Wadena County. Further updates will be published on our webpage oldwadenarendezvous.org and on Facebook.



Restored John Deere tractor

Eighteen-year-old Jacob Borgstrom, left, purchased this 1952 Model MT John Deere tractor on his 13th birthday. The tractor had been in need of repair and Borgstrom spent a considerable amount of time working to restore it. Although he did much of the work himself (including rebuilding the carburetor), Borgstrom credits his grandpa George Krushe of Pillager (center) for offering valuable tips along

the way. "He was a mechanic for over 30 years," Borgstrom said of his grandpa. The restored tractor was on display at the Pillager Fair July 9. A 2022 Pillager High School graduate, Borgstrom plans to attend Central Lakes College in Staples this fall and study diesel mechanics. Pictured at right is Alec Jensen of Pillager, who had an International tractor at the fair. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Researching family history

Judy and John Gillette of Ft. Worth, Texas, stopped by the Staples World July 12, to research history on Judy's side of the family. She grew up in Minneapolis, but Judy said she often traveled north when she was younger to visit her grandparents, James and Olive McDougale, who lived in Motley. Her grandmother's aunt, Frances Cain, married a Marden, so the Gillettes have stayed in contact with that side of the family and were in town for a reunion. Plus, her brother, Paul Brandanger lives south of Aldrich, so they planned to visit him while in Minnesota.

Judy went on to say that her relative Gloria Marden, who lives in Staples, told her that a story about her family had been included in the Centennial edition of the Staples World. During their research at the World, the Gillettes found that story, as well as a 1976 article about a car

accident that involved her mom and aunt. Aside from family genealogy, John, who is a retired BNSF railroad worker, enjoyed reading past stories about the railroad and its influence in Staples.

The Gillettes have lived in Texas for 36 years. Although they like their adopted state (John grew up in Detroit, Mich.), the two native Midwesterners said they were happy to escape the Texas heat for a while. He'd heard it was 105 degrees in Fort Worth that day, John shared. John and Judy said they were enjoying the cooler temps up north (it was in the 80s the day they stopped by the World), plus they raved about their stay at the Timberlake Hotel and were looking forward to enjoying a great meal at the Spot Cafe. Oh yes, they'll be back, the Gillettes said, of visiting the Staples and Motley area. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Enjoying music at Northern Pacific Park in Staples

A number of people came out to Northern Pacific Park in Staples July 17, to enjoy the classic country music of Alan Godage and Sundown. The band included, from left, Mark Moehle, St. Cloud; Melody Godage (Alan's daughter), Sauk Rapids; Alan Godage, Pierz; Tom Hels, Elk River; Kevin Klimek, Long Prairie. The concert was part of the Music in the Park Series sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD
June 27, 2022, 6 p.m.
District Office
MEETING #24

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by chair B. Winkels with M. Freeman, L. Anderson, B. Lund, Winkels and J. Reeck present (comprising a quorum). Brad Anderson was absent. Also attending: Supt. Tappe, Business Manager Lego, Principals Johnson and Fardon, Jodie Zesbaugh representing Ehlers, Jordan Pangrac representing ICS, several community members and staff, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson and Recording Secretary Walz. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion by Lund, seconded by L. Anderson, to add items #16, #17 and #18 to the consent agenda. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Reeck, to adopt the agenda. MC

Recognize Public

Chair Winkels recognized the public and thanked everyone for attending.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Lund, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC

Approve the Resolution to Accept Grants and In-Kind Donations

Motion by Freeman, seconded by L. Anderson to ac-

cept the In-Kind donations in the amount of \$100 and Grants in the amount of \$2,000. MC

Finance Items

Financial Report was presented by T. Lego

Motion by L. Anderson, seconded by Winkels to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by L. Anderson to approve the FY 2022 Revised Budget and the FY 2023 Original Budget. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels to award the Dairy Bid to Kemps for the 2022-23 School Year. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund to approve the Brady Martz for School District Auditor Services; FY 2022 and 2023. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund to approve the "Resolution to Award Sale of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance and Capital Facilities Bonds, Series 2022A". Following a Roll Call vote Freeman, Winkels, L. Anderson, Reeck and Lund voted in favor, B. Anderson was absent. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Reeck to approve the resolution designating Medsurety LLC and Matrix Trust as health reimbursement and arrangement trustee effective October 1, 2022. Following a Roll Call vote Reeck, L. Anderson, Lund, Freeman and Winkels voted in favor, B. Anderson was absent. MC

Curriculum

The 2021-22 QCOMP An-

nual Report was reviewed.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to nominate L. Anderson as the 2022-23 Q-COMP Oversight Committee Rep. MC

2022-2023 Activities Handbook and Coaches Handbook available for Board review

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels to approve the 22-23 Local Literacy Plan. MC

Facilities

ICS and JLG updated the board on the School Improvement Plan, including progress on the elementary construction project, updated design for the elementary gymnasium addition and M/HS wellness addition, and projected bid schedule for both additions and IAQ projects that will break ground spring of 2023.

I. Other (Policy Committee Meeting Minutes 6-9-22)

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund to approve the review of MSBA policies with no or minimal changes: #410 Family and Medical Leave, #413 Harassment and Violence, #414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, #414f Confidential Student Maltreatment Reporting Form, #415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, #506 Student Discipline, #506f Notice of Suspension Form, #514 Bullying Prohibition, #522 Sex Nondiscrimination, Grievance Procedure and Process, #522f Student Sex

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Nondiscrimination form. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by L. Anderson to approve the policy committee recommendation that paragraph B of policy #103 Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents, Other persons, not be removed per communication with MSBA. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Reeck to approve updates to the 2022-2023 School District Chromebook Usage Policy. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by L. Anderson to approve 2022-23 calendar update to add a teacher in-service date on September 6, 2022. MC

Reports

Principals Fardon and Johnson gave updates on Summer Enrichment programming in their buildings.

Superintendent Tappe shared some data from staff exit interviews, as well as the growth in early education programs.

Activities Director Lee shared the trap team's success in the state tournament and the Tour of MN Bike Tour's stop at the Middle/High School.

Adjournment

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m. MC

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

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CANDIDATE FILING
DATES

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 through Tuesday, August 16, 2022. You may call Mary Fitcher @ 218-352-6498 for an appointment OR the office of the clerk will be open Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. located at 10999 75th 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 8, 2022:

- One (1) Treasurer - four (4) year term
- One (1) Supervisors - four (4) year term (seat 1)
- One (1) Supervisors - four (4) year term (seat 3).

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
30-31pnc

NOTICE
VILLARD TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
DATE CHANGE

The Villard Town Board will hold its August 2022 monthly meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at it's regular scheduled time of 7 p.m. due to the August 9 Primary Elections.

The Town Board Meeting will be held at the Town Hall in Philbrook, MN.

Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk
Villard Township
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NOTICE OF
ELECTION OF
UNITED HOSPITAL
DISTRICT BOARD
MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given, that the Regular Election of the United Hospital District, Staples, Minnesota, will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 to elect members to serve on the District Board of Directors.

Any person desiring to be a candidate for member of the District Board shall file with the clerk of the city or the township in which he resides, an application to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for election as a member representing such city or township that is included in the Hospital District.

Filing opens Tuesday, August 2, 2022 and closes Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

Members will be elected as follows: The election of one member of District Board for a term expiring December 31, 2026 representing and from each of the following cities and townships:

- City of Staples
- Motley Township
- Byron Township
- Becker Township
- Thomastown Township
- Moran Township

By Order of the District Board of Directors
United Hospital District
Staples, Minnesota

Lana Hansen,
District Clerk
30-31pnc

VILLARD TOWNSHIP
TODD COUNTY
NOTICE OF
CANDIDATE FILING
DATES

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.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected November 8, 2022:

- **Township Supervisor A - four (4) year regular term
- **Township Supervisor B - four (4) year regular term
- **Treasurer - four (4) year regular term

Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk
Villard Township
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CITY OF STAPLES
COUNTIES OF
WADENA AND TODD

NOTICE OF
PRIMARY
ELECTION

To the Electors of the City of Staples, in the Counties of Todd and Wadena, State of Minnesota:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That a Primary Election will be held at the Community Center located at 425 4th St NE, Staples, MN 56479 on Tuesday, the 9th of August 2022. The polls will be open from the hour of seven (7) o'clock a.m. to the hour of eight (8) o'clock p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for Federal, State and County offices, which are to be voted for in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November 2022.

Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples
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Todd County Attorney Rasmussen tenders resignation

Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

The Todd County Board of Commissioners, without much discussion, approved the resignation of Todd County Attorney Charles G. Rasmussen effective August 12, 2022.

Rasmussen said he was making this decision to retire early and take advantage of an opportunity to fill his position before his term expired.

“This will leave the office in a better position going forward,” Rasmussen said in his letter of resignation read at the July 19, 2022 meeting.

His current term expires on January 1, 2023.

When such a vacancy occurs, the county board has the authority to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term.

Assistant County Attorney John Lindemann has filed for the office and will be running unopposed. Rasmussen said that he assumed the board would appoint Lindemann to the position.

Rasmussen has served the county for about 20 years as county attorney.

The appointment needs to be made before Rasmussen’s last day.

In other business:

- Approved a gambling permit for the Midwest Outdoors Unlimited - Prairie Partners Chapter to hold a raffle event at Shady’s Golden Eagle in Grey Eagle Township on August 28, 2022.

- Approved Chris Briggman to fill the open Assistant County Attorney I position with a start date to be determined but no earlier than August 15, 2022.

- Approved the resignation of Mari Ludwig as Seasonal Office Support Specialist II - Energy Assistant Program (EAP) effective July 14.

- Approved a 2022 tobacco license application for Shattuck’s Hub Supper Club.

- Accept the resignation of Spenser Norling (Sourcewell intern) effective July 27.

- Heard an update on the Initiative Foundation by Carl Newbanks.

- Approved the annual contribution of \$8,000 to the Initiative Foundation for 2023 budget year. The original amount had been \$7,500.

- Acting as the Ditch Authority, the board acknowledged receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement (HHA) petition from Aspen Plantation LLP, to clean part of County Ditch 8 in Ward Township, Section 28.

- Citizen Stanley Mensen had a few questions about the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) also known as the gas tax. He wanted to know

why it was being continued.

After a brief explanation by County Engineer Loren Fellbaum, the board approved the continuation of the one half of one percent (0.5%) tax that is for dedicated funding of projects listed on the Todd County LOST - List of Potential Projects (2023-2042) a copy of which can be seen on the county website.

The tax will terminate if there comes a time when sufficient revenues have been raised to fund the projects listed.

- Approved the final payment of \$6,086.60 the Knife River Corporation for the dust control contract on county roads throughout the county. The total cost of the project was \$121,731.90.

- **Background:** The Region 5 counties of Crow Wing, Morrison and Todd along with the Region V+ Adult Mental Health Initiative are seeking a Shared Services Agreement with Sourcewell to hire a Regional Mental Health Coordinator.

Following the Greater State of Mind Survey that was completed in 2021, efforts were started to secure such a position.

The purpose of the position will be to assist in building regional mental health services for children, adults and families throughout the region.

This position will coordinate with partners throughout the region and provide administration and coordination of future regional mental health projects.

The board approved the agreement.

Although not budgeted for 2022 the Health and Human Services (HHS) budget is able to cover this expense. It will be budgeted for 2023, noted HHS Director Jackie Och.

- **Background:** The Solid Waste Department has been working with a design committee and Stantec to prepare a conceptual design of the proposed new transfer station.

The board reviewed the latest layout that was presented during the meeting.

This is a third generation drawing that has received comments based on staff review, committee input and customer response, as well.

The board approved the design allowing Stantec to proceed with detailed design and architectural design.

The proposed office building design (size and layout) shown will need to be evaluated before it proceeds to detailed design.

They also approved holding the semi-annual meeting with the full board for August 11, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Transfer Station.

- An application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP)

was approved for Kimberly Moeller for obtaining a car dealers license and holding online/live auctions and sales on a parcel in Bartlett Township in AF2 zoning.

The following conditions apply.

1. Placement of future structures and onsite storage of vehicles must meet the applicable setback distance for the zoning district in which it is located.

2. Off-street parking must be provided for all onsite auctions. There shall be no parking within the road rights of way.

3. Signage for this business should be compliant with the requirements of the ordinance and shall not be placed within the road rights of way.

4. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state and local standards.

Commissioner Barb Becker asked about any conditions related to the owner having outhouses for the onsite auctions.

Planning and Zoning Director Adam Ossefoort said that would be on the owners to provide those. He said it would be a good idea to add something like that to future CUPs that are similar.

- An application for a CUP for Samuel J. Beachy to establish a sawmill operation on a parcel in Burleene Township located in

AF1 zoning was approved by the board with the following conditions:

1. Hours of operation shall be restricted to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

2. Operation site shall meet all the setback requirements for the zoning district in which it’s located.

3. There shall be no loading or unloading of materials within the road rights of way.

4. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

- A CUP to establish an Amish Parochial School on a parcel in Reynolds Township located in AF1 zoning was approved. The request was made by John T. Kauffman.

The CUP was granted with the following conditions:

1. Schoolhouse must meet the required setbacks as stated in Section 9.11 of the Todd County Ordinance or be granted a variance for the reduced setback distance.

2. Submit an approved plan for septic compliance on this site.

- A request to rezone a parcel in Hartford Township (near the Dollar General in Browerville) from Commercial Zoning to Residential-2 was approved for Laurie Spychalla.

There were no conditions.

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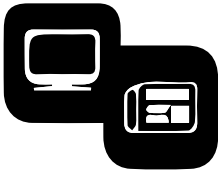
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