

Memorial Day, graduation

This week's Staples World was printed before the week-end. Look for graduation and Memorial Day photos in next week's newspaper.

Spring fling

In their last week of school, Staples-Motley first and second graders had fun with their annual track and field day. Pictured, a group doing the softball throw. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
June 1	63	47	Cloudy
June 2	64	44	P. Cloudy
June 3	71	49	P. Cloudy
June 4	69	50	M. Cloudy
June 5	69	53	P. Sunny
June 6	70	52	M. Cloudy
June 7	71	51	P. Sunny

Last Year, 2021

	High	Low	Cond.
June 1	77°	51	Sunny
June 2	84	56	Sunny
June 3	90	59	Sunny
June 4	87	66	Sunny
June 5	91	71	Sunny
June 6	92	74	M. Sunny
June 7	86	52	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 72° Low = 52°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher



With the check

William Liedl, Principal at Sacred Heart Area School in Staples, is pictured with a \$25,000 check the school received recently from the Schulze Family Foundation. The funds will go toward the school's Pre-K expansion program. (Submitted photo)

Sacred Heart receives \$25,000 to expand Pre-K

Thanks to the fundraising efforts from supporters of Sacred Heart Area School (SHAS) in Staples, along with a \$25,000 matching grant from the Schulze Family Foundation, the school will be expanding its Pre-K program.

The project includes creating a second program for ages five-and-under, along with differentiating the

groups into two age groups (three-four and four-five). Additionally, the Pre-K program will be moved into a self-contained building which will be better for accommodating the needs of the school's growing pre-school enrollment.

Currently, the Pre-K program is located in the

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REACH improving grades, skills

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Staples-Motley students are improving grades and having fun doing it.

Staples-Motley middle school teacher Val Turner is in charge of the school's REACH program.

Turner said it is much more than a study hall or help session. It is more of a leadership program that encompasses the whole student, including academic, mental health, personal goals and family goals.

"Every kid gets spoken to every single day," said Turner. That includes checking on grades, class assignments and finding out what big things are going on in their lives. She said it was modeled after a similar program in Hutchinson and adapted to fit Staples-Motley students.

The program is showing

results in the other classrooms, with REACH students earning grades of A, B and C at a much higher rate than previously. They are also reducing failing grades. Turner said they found 12 students who had two or more F's made up most of the F's in the program, so they know how to work to get that number down.

The program is not just about grades, REACH also helps students improve their life skills.

Some of the personal skills that are taught include time management, the benefits of sleep, handling emotions, listening, prejudice, authenticity, social awareness, conflict resolution and decision-making.

Turner said when the program started, it was known as a place for bad kids, and they did have quite a few behavior prob-

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School construction starting soon

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board heard about the upcoming construction process at their May 23 meeting.

Business Manager Jon Regan said the Long Term Facilities Maintenance funds are in the school's account, while other funds are coming in to pay for the construction. He said the ESSER grant will have to be spent before the state will reimburse the expense.

Jodie Zesbaugh of Ehlers, the finance company that is handling the bond sales for the project, said facilities maintenance bonds and capital facilities bonds will not require a tax levy increase. She said there is other good news for agricultural landowners because the state formula is cutting the percentage they are required to pay.

A representative from ICS, the project coordinators, said permitting and other pre-construction plans are going well, with construction to formally start on June 6.

He said the next phases of construction include a new gymnasium for the elementary school, which they plan to send for bids in August and start construction in 2023. The middle school/high school portion of the construction project will send for bids in October. Building costs are remaining higher than previously anticipated so he said they will take that into account during the design phase.

The board learned that the school will have to pay extra money in income tax that was not taken off for COVID leave. Superintendent Shane Tappe said they initially were told the school

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Staples-Motley School District says 'goodbye' to retiring staff members

The Staples World invited retiring staff at Staples-Motley School District to share some thoughts about their career. They were asked a number of questions, including what inspired them to get into this profession, what are their favorite memories from their years at Staples-Motley, what are some of the biggest changes and challenges they've seen in education, what have they learned from working with young people, what will they miss the most about their job and what are their post-retirement plans. Their answers are included below.

Bonnie Madson

"I've worked for the district for 30 years, beginning in the previous Motley district in 1992," Bonnie said. "I worked in several office positions at the Motley site, and then moved to the district office as Admin Assistant to the Superintendent in 2011."

"I always wanted to be a secretary!" Bonnie said when asked what inspired her to get into this profession. "Enjoying what you do is a great motivator, and it gives a sense of accomplishment to help others and to be constantly learning new things."

Favorite memories? For Bonnie, these include the people she's worked with through the years. "Whether an employee was with the district for a year or 10 years, they all left their mark. So many friendships, laughs and good times."

When asked about changes and challenges, Bonnie said, "Well, for sure COVID was the biggest challenge to everyone. For the district as a whole, open enrollment has definitely been a challenge."



Kept the district organized

Bonnie Madson is pictured at her desk at the district office in Staples. She's retiring at the end of this school year, after serving the district the past 30 years, most recently as the Admin Assistant to the Superintendent. Madson received a standing ovation at her final school board meeting May 23. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

What has she learned from working with young people? "All students have something good in them - they just need consistency and support to succeed."

What will she miss most about her job? "My past and present co-workers for sure. Over the years some have become like family."

Her post-retirement plans include spending as much time as possible with family, getting some projects done, as well as spending a lot of time outside this summer gardening, biking and hiking.

Mary Moen

"I'm finishing my 28th year at Staples-Motley,"

Mary shared. "I have taught K-5 music for most of that time, but K-4 for the past couple of years. My first year in the district I also taught 7th grade girls choir and 6th grade choir. For many years I directed the Staples Motley Elementary Choir."

What inspired Mary to get into this profession? "My high school music teachers were pretty inspirational to me, so it was a foregone conclusion that I would be a music teacher. My private voice teacher in high school also led me on the path to Bemidji State where she had attended. Both of my parents were in

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Public Notices

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Obituaries

Gerald Kotula



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Food shelf volunteers

“It’s Volunteer Month at OK Tire in Motley,” the store’s employees shared recently. Pictured above, employees spent a morning recently at the Motley Area Food Shelf helping with clients orders, delivering food to the vehicles and stocking shelves. Employees pictured, from top to bottom, are Shane Bodin, Matt Svir and Mike Dahlberg. (Submitted photo)

Motley area police reports

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

May 19 - 25

May 24 - The MPD responded to a report of a marijuana smell emanating in an apartment building at 448 Pine Ave. S., Motley. The responding officer detected a strong odor of marijuana in the building corridor. After speaking with several residents, he determined it must be originating from the second floor but was unable to make a positive determination of where it was coming from, as he was unable to make contact with some of the residents on that floor.

May 23 - The MPD received a complaint that there were people at the motel at 948 Hwy 10 South in Motley. Upon his arrival, the officer noticed a female halfway in a window. He announced his presence,

asked why she was there, and the woman said she’d been told by the owner that she could take a wooden door. The officer then spoke with the owner of the motel, who stated he had told the woman she could have the wooden door, but that she’d been there since that morning. The woman said she hadn’t been there all day, and went on to say that the building was being torn down so she was grabbing the window screens as well. The officer made her put the screens back until the owner gives her permission to take them.

May 22 - The MCSO issued a citation to Juan Gonzalez-Torres, 39, for driving without a valid driver’s license.

May 22 - The MCSO issued a citation to Victoria Grosland, 30, for driving without insurance.

May 21 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Teflon Edwards, 21.



Taking a bow Music director Thomas Johnson motions to members of the 7th and 8th grade band who take a bow after performing “Eye of the Tiger” at the Staples-Motley Music Department’s Finale Concert.

No hiring freeze at Todd County

Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

At the Todd County Commissioner’s regular board meeting held May 17, Commissioner Randy Neumann brought forward a resolution to institute a hiring freeze for all departments in Todd County.

“I’ve heard from so many who attended the April 19 meeting that were addressing resident’s concerns that it was a ‘waste of time’ and (other things),” said Neumann.

He added that the number of county employees has risen from 213 to approximately 235 employees over the past three years.

He felt that they should do a couple of years of hiring freezes.

“Everything is pretty nuts out there. I’m hoping the economy will get better,” he said.

Neumann also felt that the departments needed to justify the replacements they hire.

Commissioner David Kircher said that he needed to understand the ramifications of this. “We are concerned. We give the departments their budgets, but we’re also looking at six unions that we negotiate with.”

He added that the list of interviews and replacements is long and to just stop could be detrimental.

“I need to understand the meaning of this,” said Kircher.

After a bit of discussion, Kircher added that the county doesn’t set what people pay for homes.

“I want to understand the full meaning of this before we vote on this,” Kircher reiterated.

Neumann said, “The population hasn’t changed much, but we (government) keep getting bigger and bigger.”

Commissioner Barb Becker said, “I would like to implement maybe a ‘hiring slow down’ and that all hires need to come before the board.”

She said that she understood that some positions are funded in other ways, other than county tax dollars.

“We need to let the constituents know that we take this seriously,” Becker added.

Chairman Rod Erickson said that hires are all discussed by the personnel committee.

“I understand Commissioner Neumann’s and Commissioner Kircher’s concerns but these hires all go through the personnel committee. Then we could bring them to a work session to discuss. Then we have our voice right here - we can say ‘no,’” said Erickson.

“Nothing is ‘sneaking’ through,” Erickson added.

Becker said that they should implement something and by doing so state that the commissioners are concerned about taxes and county spending.

“We’re concerned about spending and taxes. I hope to God we’re showing that we are doing that every day,” said Kircher.

“I want to let people know that we heard them. People are scared crapless that we are going to tax them out of their homes,” said Neumann.

“We are not doing that. Not one of us want to do that. I don’t want to send a false image out there. I want to give this more thought on how to word it. How it will go through the committees and other steps first,” clarified Kircher.

Neumann tabled the item. Becker asked to have discussion on it at the next work session.

In other business:

- Approved the hire of Alex Meyer as a full-time assistant Todd County attorney with a start date to be determined.

- Approved the resignation of Public Health Nurse Angel Karnes effective April 29.

- Approved Amanda St. Aubin to fill the open social worker position with a start date to be determined.

- Due to a resignation, a support enforcement aide position exists within the Health Services Unit. It was approved to hire internal applicant Seth Martinson to fill this position with a start date of July 5.

- Approved Trista Metcalf to fill the open part-time, intermittent home health aide/homemaker position.

- Approve a resolution for the State of Minnesota Master Partnership Contract - Agreement 1050337. This is an agreement that is approved every five years for public works.

- Heard the Todd County Development Corporation 2021 annual report from Director Rick Utech.

- The Assessor’s Office has received many requests from taxpayers to appear before the 2022 County Board of Appeal and Equalization. This meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022 beginning at 6 p.m. Due to the increase in attendance, the meeting will take over four hours to complete, therefore the meeting will start at 4 p.m.

- Acting as Ditch Authority, the board approved a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Mason and Roger Stender, to clean approximately 2,005 feet of Lateral 2 on County Ditch 22 on parcel 13-0018600 in Iona Township, Section 19. The project will be done at their own expense.

- Approved the purchase of five Chevy Tahoes from North Country GM of Hibbing for a total of \$195,801. These will be new squads for the Sheriff’s Department.
- Approved the updated Financial Crimes Task Force Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota.

- Approved a resolution to proclaim May 15-21 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

- Approved a resolution Declaring a State of Emergency resulting from the May 12 severe storms in the county.

- Approved a resolution for the Adoption of Changes to the Todd County Personnel Policy and the establishment of the Todd County Board of Appeals Policy.

- Approved a resolution for the Personnel Board of Appeals - per diem at \$100 per meeting. This board would meet infrequently unless needed at which point it could meet when needed to handle an appeal.

Background: The Todd County Solid Waste Department operates a demolition landfill near Browerville that provides an affordable and environmental disposal solution for local businesses and homeowners. This ultimately promotes economic development in Todd County.

Currently, the landfill has very little airspace for continued disposal.

The Solid Waste Department has received bids for construction of additional demolition landfill disposal area. Nine bids were received.

The low bid was received from Frattalone Companies for \$267,243.

After this expansion is completed, we will have approximately 29,000 cubic yards of airspace.

Based on the average

usage rate in the last four years, this will provide approximately six and one-half (6.5) years of use.

Based on historical averages, tipping fees will generate approximately \$110,000 per year which can be used to pay for the project. Currently there are funds from previous years saved.

The board approved the resolution.

- An application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Derek Holst to establish a cabinet construction shop in Villard Township was approved with the following condition:

All waste materials such as paints, stains and solvents must be disposed of according to applicable state and local requirements.

- After discussion about making sure that the townships are aware of these sorts of plats, the board approved an application from Coon Point for a subdivision to create two non-riparian lots in Shoreland - GD zoning in Leslie Township with the following condition:

No lot owner shall bring action of law against any farming operation because of such farming activities, as long as such farming activity complies with State, Federal, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or Todd County Ordinances.

- An application for a subdivision to create two non-riparian lots in Shoreland - RD zoning in Birchdale Township for Birch Lake Hills Second Addition was approved for a preliminary plat with the following condition:

Developer and future property owners must obtain appropriate permitting when necessary from governmental agencies including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

- An application for subdivision to create a single non-riparian lot in Shoreland - RD zoning in Kandota Township for Pinetree Acres was approved with the following condition:

No lot owner shall bring action of law against any farming operation because of such farming activities, as long as such farming activity complies with State, Federal, EPA, or Todd County Ordinances.

Background: Todd County has completed an assessment and received construction documents for the rock wall. These were funded in part through a grant provided by the MN Historical Society. The next step is to begin Phase 1 of the restoration and repair of the rock wall. The estimated cost for Phase 1 is \$1,011,150.

The Facilities Committee met and discussed the grant match, and recommends utilizing \$505,575 from county funds to assist in the Phase 1 project.

In order to apply for the grant, the governing body of the organization must authorize someone to conduct business and accept funds on behalf of the organization. With Kircher opposed, the board approved authorizing Coordinator Chris Pelzer to conduct business and accept grant funds for Phase 1 of the rock wall project on behalf of Todd County.

Kircher argued that they had just discussed a hiring freeze and now they were going to spend money on a rock wall. He also asked, “Do we want to replace a wall or hire a dispatcher to help save someone’s life?”

Neumann said, “But if a chunk of rock falls off the wall and kills someone, we’re liable.”

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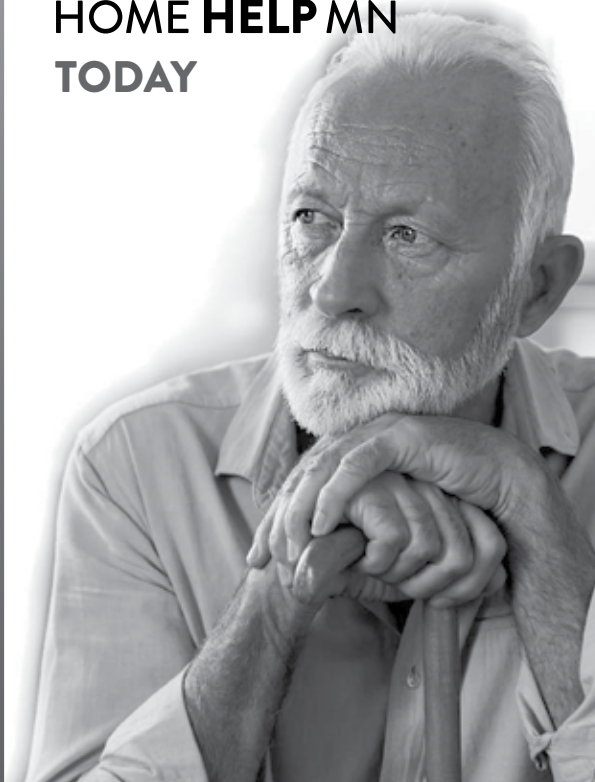
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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• May 29, 1947 - Effective June 1, all “Out of State” subscriptions will be advanced from \$2.50 to \$3 per year. We have found that “Outstate” subscriptions do not pay their way at the \$2.50 rate and that a large portion of our postage expense is spent for papers sent “out of state.” In other words, we might say that, we must advance the price to break even. Sincerely Yours, H. W. Sims, Publisher.

• May 29, 1947 - Lystad and Redick Chemical company from Grand Forks, N. D., ask The World to give notice to the people of Sta-

ples and the community that they will be at the “city dump” grounds on Saturday and will do poisoning there on that day.

They warn people to keep pets and children away from the grounds for several days, until there is no danger of poisoning.

• May 29, 1947 - Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hanson of Staples are at a great loss this week due to the fact that a dog entered their chicken pens and killed 160 of their spring chickens which were about ready for the market.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson have a notice in the World this week relative to their dealing with dogs which trespass upon their property in the future.

The loss to Mr. and Mrs. Hanson will run into the hundreds of dollars, as most of the chickens were of marketable size.

• May 29, 1947 - James Allen, prominent farmer

of the Deer Creek community, died at the hospital in Wadena on May 19 as the result of being kicked in the face by a horse on May 9. He was about 70 years of age.

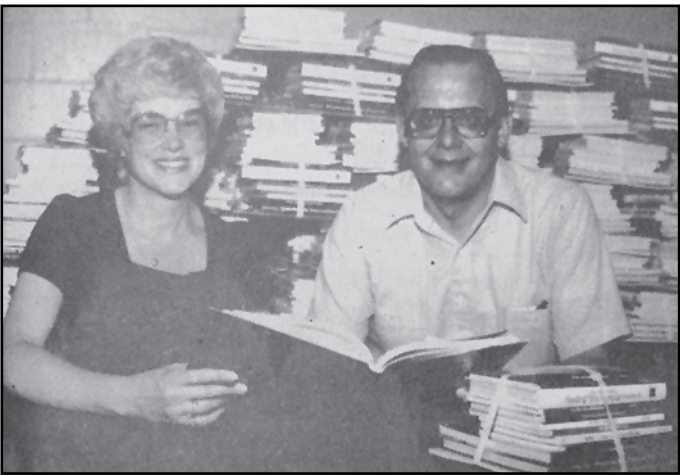
May 29, 1947 - Wanted: Young woman or girl for private family. No washing. Phone 479, Staples. Wanted: Experienced girl for general housework. Steady work, private room, radio and bath. Excellent salary. Mrs. H. Lieberman, 4855 E. Lake Harriet Boulevard, Minneapolis.

• May 29, 1947 - “Girls Are Like That,” the Motley High School Senior Class Play staged in the school auditorium last Wednesday evening, was one of the outstanding productions ever to be presented to the public from the dramatic department. It was also a success financially. The play was under the capable direction of John Phelps, a member of the Motley faculty since March.

50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• June 1, 1972 - Construction of the new Holm’s Cafe is underway on the site of the former American Legion Club in Staples. The building will be 40 by 80 feet, and is being put up by Swenson Construction Co. of Pine River. The facility will have a seating capacity of about 180 persons in the banquet room and coffee bar combined. The front of the building will be trimmed in brick, and the area to the south of the cafe will be parking area. July 1 is the target opening day, Mrs. Holm said.

• June 1, 1972 - The Cardinal Baseball Team of Coach Jerry Riewer won their opening round of District 24 baseball play by defeating Pine River 11 to 0 on the



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our June 14, 1984 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week’s paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Pequot Lakes diamond May 25.

The Cardinal junior right-hander, Joe Neznik, pitched a no-hitter in shutting out the Pine River Tigers and giving the Cardinals the right to advance into semi-final tournament play.

• June 1, 1972 - Marilyn Kominek, one of the star performers of the Staples Girls’ Track squad, captured a fourth place finish in the first Minnesota State Girls Track Meet held May 27, at Apollo high school, St. Cloud. She finished fourth in the discus with a throw of 98’8”.

• June 1, 1972 - For sale at Phil Anderson Our Own Hardware - 22” self-propelled Super Mo, for \$109.95.

• June 1, 1972 - Mark Jares captured the championship of the high school chess tournament held at Staples high school throughout the past five months. Other trophy winners from the school included Stan Kaste, second place; Peter Card, third; Floyd Jares, fourth; Steve Olstad, fifth; Dale Zappe, sixth. Sixty-four students participated in the tourney, which was under the direction of Pat Glynn and Tom Girtz.

• June 1, 1972 - Specials advertised at Ted & Gen’s Bar-B-Q in Aldrich: June 2, Chicken and/or Shrimp Special, \$1.95; June 3, music by Ardis Wells and her Rhythm Tones; June 4, Rib Special - All You Can Eat, \$3.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• May 29, 1997 - Fifteen years ago, about 12 graduates of the Staples High School’s class of 1982 were able to share in 12 scholarships for a total of about \$1,500.

In contrast, last week, some 125 scholarships with a total dollar value of about \$35,000 were awarded to 79 of the 162 graduating seniors in the 1997 class by the Staples Motley Dollars for Scholarship organization.

• May 29, 1997 - The Staples Motley School Board election, which featured a four-way contest for two positions, found incumbents Mike Hajek and Wayne Haglin re-elected with 552 and 544 votes respectively. Newcomer Mark Blessing had 437 votes, while Eldon Morey, another incumbent,

finished with 420.

• May 29, 1997 - This school year the 2nd graders in Lanie Klose’s class at Staples Elementary have been saving pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Fargo. They first counted the tabs it would take to fill one ice cream bucket - 3,400 tabs. They estimate they have collected at least 34,000 tabs this year. Just how much do 34,000 pop tabs weigh? Twenty-nine pounds.

• May 29, 1997 - In action last week, Staples Motley’s tennis team won the South Sub Section 8A team competition and qualified six individuals for the Section 8 team meet this week. Cardinals Jeff Joerger and Jamie Nichols paired to win the doubles, Jan Berge took first in singles, and Luke Grandlund took second in singles. A second doubles team of Scott Moore and Jamie Carlson also qualified for this week’s Section 8A meet by finishing in fourth place.

• May 29, 1997 - Members of sponsoring organizations gathered May 24, to present a check for over \$16,000 to the Doug Frisk family concluding their benefit efforts. Doug Frisk underwent experimental heart surgery in February and his progress continues to be monitored closely.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

• May 31, 2012 - Staples Motley High School graduates concluded the graduation ceremony in their own style - the first ever SMHS graduation “flash mob”, which included the entire Class of 2012 dancing together.

• May 31, 2012 - Guthrie Coughlin and Austin Hirschey earned the Section 6A tennis doubles championship while Shane Seuss and Josh Solway bounced back from a loss to their teammates to capture true second in the tournament. Both teams qualified for the state tournament with their performances.

• May 31, 2012 - Alan Bjerga, author of “Endless Appetites,” participated in a book signing event at Motley City Hall on Memorial Day, an event sponsored by the Motley Historical Society. A 1991 graduate of Staples Motley High School, Bjerga grew up on a farm south of Motley, the son of Ron and Joan Bjerga.

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Ferdon hired as principal as Schmidt resigns

would get reimbursed for teachers going on required leave for COVID protocol, but the IRS said the school will have to pay it themselves.

Tappe said teachers and school workers are eligible to apply for frontline worker pay from the state, but they will have to do it individually.

Personnel

The board approved hiring of Deb Ferdon as Middle School/High School Principal. She had taken over the principal role after Mike Schmidt went on a leave of absence. Her contract is for \$111,622 for next year.

They also approved the resignation and separation agreement with Mike Schmidt.

Schmidt’s resignation letter stated that the reason for his leave of absence was to be with his wife as she undergoes cancer treatments.

“It is only fair to Staples-Motley that I step aside and remain on leave through my exit,” said Schmidt. “The communities should be proud of their welcoming and engaging ventures. I found a home and purpose here that went beyond ‘my job.’”

In other personnel moves, the board approved hiring Drew Potter as business teacher and football coach; and Melissa Elfstrum as REACH paraprofessional.

The board approved several resignations, including Kelly McCarty as elementary PE teacher and middle school volleyball; Melissa Wright as school readiness teacher; Joseph Ramstad as ag teacher and FFA advisor; Peter Hendrickx as ag teacher; Chris Kappler as middle/high school PE teacher; Amanda Weishair as paraprofessional; Kermit Klefsaas as basketball

coach; Ashley Orth as special education teacher; and Katrina Eckenrode as Farm to School Head Gardener.

Tappe said they are looking to hire a dean position. “There’s a strong value on improving discipline and accountability,” said Tappe. He said with staff shifts, funding the dean position will be “budget neutral.”

Tappe said there is a shortage of special education teachers across the state. The school might have to hire people and ask for out of position permissions or find people with teaching licenses who want to get their special education license.

Activity participation

Activities Director Josh Lee reported to the board that 298 students participated in extracurricular activities this school year. He said the school waived activity fees in 2018-2019, at which time there were 224 participants and the number has risen every year since.

“It’s good to see those numbers growing and seeing our kids more active,” said Lee.

Lee showed the board a video from the Minnesota State High School League about their “Why We Play” program, which emphasizes personal and moral development.

“It’s putting a purpose to what we are doing in our activities in our building,” said Lee.

Lee also announced that Pequot Lakes will be leaving the Mid State Conference after the 2022-23 school year to join the Granite Ridge Conference. Lee said the remaining Mid State schools are in discussions on what to do next, with options of adding more schools, combining with another conference or breaking up the conference.

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Sacred Heart filling need for child care in Staples

main building at SHAS, but will be transferring to the church office basement, Principal William Liedl shared.

These updates are set to take place during the upcoming summer months and are projected to be completed by the start of the 2022 - 23 school year.

When asked why the school decided to embark on this project, Principal Liedl said, “To help accommodate the growing need for affordable childcare in the Staples area, to provide an alternative faith-based education, and to spread

Christ’s light into the world.”

Principal Liedl also mentioned that the new facility will be undergoing safety renovations to continue as a licensed Pre-K program, as well as other updates to best accommodate students of this age. They are also still hiring for the new preschool lead teacher position, Liedl said.

Sacred Heart Area School, located at 324 4th St. NE, has been a supportive member of the Staples community for over 100 years. For more information, call 218-894-2077.

Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo published in the May 25, 1972 edition of the Staples World featured 1972 Staples High School graduate Pam Peterson, daughter of John and LaDonna Peterson of Staples. The photo was courtesy of Photo Technology Course, Staples Area Vocational Institute.

Staples native Pam (Peterson) Carlson, now of Eagan, recognized herself and noted that this was the first color picture in the Staples World and that it was taken by Pat Miller. “I have no idea why he chose me but it was basically my one claim to fame in high school,” Pam shared. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



Staples Host Lions donate

The Staples Host Lions recently made donations to several area organizations, including \$5,000 to the Staples Chamber of Commerce; and \$2,000 to Sacred Heart Area School (SHAS). Left, Renee Kroll, chamber member; and Staples Host Lion President Ken Christensen. Right, SHAS Principal William Liedl and Lion President Christensen. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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 Anna Spandl, RN, Clinic Services Supervisor	 Sara Erickson, RN, Clinic Services Case Manager	 Nicole Worden, RN, Clinic Services Supervisor

Nominated by Lynette Flaa, LPN, Clinic Services

This awesome team of nurses have kept the clinic grounded. They have provided support to the clinic staff, providers, and administration through the thick and thin of Covid, and have been the “glue” that keeps patient care running in the background. Not many have seen how these nurses have taken on countless Covid positive cases, triage, manage staff, and successfully operate anything Covid related. They take huge burdens off providers by helping to manage patients so their days can run smooth and efficient. This team needs to be recognized as often their work is unseen.”


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Celebrating Central Lakes College Class of 2022

Dr. Hara Charlier, President
Central Lakes College

During May, Central Lakes College celebrated the class of 2022, at our annual commencement events – five ceremonies celebrating 727 extraordinary students. What an honor it was to come together as a college community and share in this amazing achievement. The faces of our graduates said it all as they walked across the platform and accepted their diplomas.

This year, we celebrated each student’s journey, beginning with the very first step. For some, the decision to choose CLC seemed natural, for others, it was a giant leap. Some students came from far away, changed their lives, juggled family responsibilities or shifted priorities to make space for education. Whatever the first step looked like, each student got on the path to education during an incredibly hard time in the world. Each of these students is brave and we’re so grateful that they chose CLC as their path.

We often talk with students about the shape of our paths. Some think paths should be straight, predictable, much the Paul Bunyan Trail. Of course, life’s paths are more likely to have twists, turns, blind corners and challenges. They look more like narrow trails in the woods, weaving through clusters of trees, with challenges to be navigated around each corner. In the woods, when you trip, you get up, dust yourself off and keep going.

The Class of 2022 faced many challenges, navigating COVID-19 precautions, worrying about the health of family and friends, taking care of children, suffering losses and struggling with mental health. Every twist and turn of that journey needs to be celebrated, because it marks a time when a student navigated a challenge, used resources and found a way to keep going. These students learned to navigate life and succeed in college during some of the most tumultuous times in modern history. If you meet one of these graduates,

give them kudos. They are tremendously resilient.

Finally, sometimes students don’t realize the power they hold within - that they change our college as they walk their path at CLC. The Class of 2022 has been generous, authentic, sharing with us their gifts, their challenges and struggles. They’ve taught us how to better support students. Based on those lessons, we’ve changed the student experience and created new programs and services to better meet our students where they are. CLC is better because this class walked our halls, physically and virtually. We’re grateful for that and want every student to know they’re powerful.

I encourage our communities to watch these recent graduates as they go out into the world to continue their journeys. They’re brave and resilient. Just watch the impact they’re about to make in our communities. Congratulations, CLC Class of 2022.

CMGC calls for special session

By CGMC President and Luverne Mayor
Patrick Baustian

As the legislative session ends, the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities is extremely disappointed the legislature failed to address Greater Minnesota needs. Our cities are still reeling from hardships created and exacerbated by the pandemic and the staggering increase in inflation. We urge leadership to agree to a special session and pass legislation that provides meaningful investments in our communities this year.

While we were pleased to see the Tax Conference Committee come to an agreement that included a \$30 million increase to the Local Government Aid program, we are frustrated it did not make it to the floor. The LGA appropriation has not kept up with city needs by any measure, and recent inflation makes it more difficult every day for cities to provide the public safety, core infrastructure, libraries, parks and recreation, and other services our residents and businesses rely on without imposing significant property tax increases or services cuts. Cities cannot wait another year to receive more LGA.

Given all the critical infrastructure needs across the state, it would be an absolute failure if the legislature were not to pass a bonding bill. Unless the leaders agree to a special session, millions of dollars’ worth of Greater Minnesota projects will not receive the funding they desperately need. Water and wastewater facilities across the state are in dire need of updates due to aging infrastructure. Without additional funding through the bonding bill, our cities will have to drastically raise their water rates for residents and businesses to pay for these costly upgrades. Cities simply cannot afford to wait any longer for state funding to help meet these needs.

It is beyond frustrating the legislature was unable to pass a bonding bill or the agreed upon tax bill during the 2022 legislative session but agreeing to a special session will provide a second chance for leadership to do right by Minnesotans. The current \$9.3 billion budget surplus and the infusion of federal funding have presented a once-in a lifetime opportunity. It would be a great shame if partisan disagreements stopped Greater Minnesota’s needs from being met.

Placement of signs not allowed in rights-of-way

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) reminds the public that state law prohibits placement of private signs of any kind (garage sale, political, lost pet and other advertising signage) on highway rights-of-way in Minnesota. Objects along roadways pose hazards for drivers and maintenance crews. Highway rights-of-way include driving lanes, inside and outside shoulders, ditches, sight corners at intersections and boulevards in urban areas.

In addition, state law says

that signs may not be placed on private land without the consent of the landowner.

Violation of the law, Minnesota Statute 160.27, is a misdemeanor. Civil penalties may also apply if the placement of such material contributes to a motor vehicle crash, creates injury to a person or causes damage to a motor vehicle that runs off the road.

The Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act, Minnesota Statute 173.15, also prohibits placing advertising materials on public utility poles, trees,

shrubs, painting or drawing on rocks or natural features.

MnDOT workers are required to take down private signs located on the state highway rights-of-way. County, city and township employees administer these laws on their roads.

For information about the proper placement of private signs, rights-of-way boundaries or where to find removed materials, visit mn.gov or contact your local MnDOT St. Cloud office at 320-223-6500 or Baxter office at 218-828-5700.

Mass shooting

Another mass shooting. This time, 19 children, along with two teachers and the gunman, all dead.

God have mercy. The conversation quickly turns to the lack in our systems and in our laws. God knows they can all be improved. But I

State needs to support education funding

I’m urging my state legislators and the governor to finish their work on an education supplemental budget bill that will help reduce the massive \$822 million special education shortfall.

School districts are forced to cover the shortfall – known as the special ed-

ask, “Why does almost no one speak publicly to the root of this evil?” Why do we swat at the wasps and leave the nest? The root is not in our systems but in our beliefs; the fix is not in new laws but in new hearts.

We, as a society, are reaping the harvest of our rejection of the God of the Bible. Self-righteous politicians

race to condemn the tragic fruit even as they hack away at the biblical roots.

May God have mercy on us all - mercy for our hypocrisy, mercy for our negligence, mercy for our sin.

Respectfully submitted
Pastor Don Reigstad
Motley, Minn

Abundant water can be too much of a good thing

Minnesotans find it easy to take our abundant water for granted. The expression “familiarity breeds contempt” might be an overstatement; we do appreciate it. But when water is nearly everywhere you turn—Minnesota has 11,842 lakes, and countless rivers and streams, after all—you just come to expect it will always be there, for everyday living and for our water-based fun. But anyone who watches the news knows that it’s not like this everywhere—California, or New Mexico, for example—and we are understandably envious.

But while we find water’s abundance a blessing, at times it can be too much of a good thing, if not a curse. The current flooding on Minnesota’s northern border lakes, and along Lake Superior’s North Shore and its picturesque tributary rivers, are examples of too-much-of-a-good-thing wetness.

There are more subtle effects from abundant water, too. In the aftermath of a recent heavy rain and high wind event closer to home, my wife and I awoke one morning at the cabin to find a pontoon-sized chunk of floating bog snuggled up against our dock. “Bog” is a term commonly applied to a floating mat of emergent vegetation—cattails, as in



Mike Rahn

this case—that grows out from shore but is not firmly rooted in the lake’s bottom.

A sudden rise in water level, or persistent heavy waves—or the two in combination—can tear sections of it loose. If there is a wind blowing offshore, the floating bog can go wherever the wind takes it. Sometimes a bog might be no larger than the size of a picnic table. In other cases a bog can be as large as a tennis court; or even larger.

So what happens when one of these unexpected visitors shows up on your beach, or is found snuggled up against your dock. Or—heaven forbid—is massive enough with wind power behind it to take out that dock or boat lift?

Technically, it requires a permit from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to move or to remove natural lake vegetation, including a floating bog. Chances are, if a property owner moves a section away from his dockage, shoreline, or “water toys,” it will make its next appearance on someone else’s shoreline, quote possibly contributing to neighborly tension or ill will. On the other hand, given the fact that winds change direction from time to time, it’s not out of the question to find that a bog that was here today is gone tomorrow; literally.

In the event that Nature doesn’t take care of it, more extreme measures might be taken. On the lake where our family cabin is located, the property owner’s association has an arrangement with a dock and boat lift service, whose everyday business is to remove docks and lifts in the fall, and place them back in the water after ice-out in the spring. The arrangement calls for one of the firm’s pontoon-mounted “aquatic forklifts” to tow—if possible—the errant bog back to the area where it broke loose, and anchor it there, where hopefully it will become re-rooted and stay put.

When it’s not practical to employ this bog-ferrying approach, perhaps with very small bog fragments, a property owner may be responsible for dealing with it. The DNR may allow its removal, but technically a permit is still needed. When waterlogged and afloat, even a small section of bog can be extremely heavy and

unwieldy. But if it can be pulled ashore sufficiently for water to drain from it, 90 percent of that weight may disappear, and it could be cut up for disposal.

We have a lake neighbor, who—to her credit—has not been infected by neat-and-tidy-beach syndrome. On her beach is a patch of cattails that originated as a small bog, which drifted in and lodged on shore several years ago. Rather than remove it, or petition the lake association to do so, she has allowed it to become rooted there. To a duck hunter like me, also a bass-fisherman who looks for stands of shoreline vegetation to target with my hopeful casts, her cattails look totally appropriate.

In fact, the remainder of her shoreline is au naturel, and un-landscaped in the traditional sense. No rip-rap to break waves generated by substantial summer boat traffic—including several big-wave-generating wake boats. Just reliance on the soil-holding power of native grasses, which—with the lake now four to five inches higher than last fall—cover the bank right down to the waterline.

In contrast to this, a great many property owners on this lake have shorelines that look like pictures in a landscaping catalog. Rock rip-rap where the properties are elevated and the banks are steep, a lot of weed-free sand where the shoreline is flattened and gradual.

My spouse and I spar regularly over how much natural “weed” growth should be permitted on our shoreline. I’m for generosity, while she is for scarcity. As an angler, I appreciate that shoreline vegetation can help cleanse runoff of herbicides, insecticides, and algae-stimulating nutrients that degrade water quality. Just as important, a vegetated shoreline is richer in aquatic microorganisms, insects, and larger “critters” that are the foundation of the food pyramid that feeds forage fish, as well as the game fish inhabit it: walleyes, bass, muskies, northern pike, and panfish.

When all is said and done, shoreline vegetation—be it native grasses, herbaceous plants, shrubs, or even an errant piece of bog—can make a lake cleaner and richer in life. But putting that into practice requires swimming against the tide, to be sure.

Quote of the week

“Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn’t know you left open.”
— John Barrymore

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Adding beauty to the grounds

Kevin Grondahl plants a second Japanese Lilac tree at Lakewood Health System Care Center May 20, following the Arbor Day Proclamation by Staples Mayor Chris Etzler. Assisting with the planting efforts were, from left, Grondahl's granddaughter, Cate Rice; his daughter,

Jacy Rice; his grandson, Gunnar Rice; Beth Gedde and Lisa Toepper, members of the Staples Parks and Rec board; and Lacey Aguirre, Acting Parks and Rec Director. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Helping Grandpa plant trees

In celebration of Arbor Day, some Japanese Lilac trees were planted at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples, a project organized by Kevin Grondahl, who works in the activities department there. Pictured above, Grondahl prepares the hole where the tree will be planted, while his grandson Gunnar Rice stands by to offer assistance and a few pointers along the way. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Arbor Day proclamation

Staples Mayor Chris Etzler read the official 'Arbor Day Proclamation' May 20, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center, reminding citizens of the importance of trees and their benefits to the world, and urging them to support efforts to protect these trees. Several care center residents were in attendance, as were Lakewood employees and some volunteers. The event was organized by Kevin Grondahl (far left) who works in the activities department at the care center. The official date for this year's Arbor Day event was April 29, but due to inclement weather, it was celebrated in Staples a few weeks later. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Chamber 'Pints in the Pines' June 2

Staples Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Pints in the Pines, Thursday, June 2, from 6-8 p.m. at Pine Grove Park in Staples. This event will feature a Minnesota beer and wine

tasting, live music and games. The Pints in the Pines evening is taking the place of the annual chamber dinner, which has not been held the past two years.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Rhett LaBlanc, center, just completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Staples Library. Sign your child up today and receive a free book bag and prizes as they read. The purpose is to increase awareness of the importance of early literacy as well as encouraging parents to embrace their role as their child's first teacher. The goal is to help kids enter school ready to learn. "Reading is one of the most important things a parent can do to ensure their child's success when they begin school," said Cathy Perish, Library Services Coordinator. This program is provided by the Staples Friends of the Library. Above: Library Assistant Angie Johnson, Rhett and Jessica LaBlanc. (Submitted photo)

Mark Your Calendar

June 2

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.

June 6

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

June 7

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.

June 3

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.

S/M June Work Session cancelled

The Staples-Motley School Board will not hold a Work Session in June. **Upcoming meetings:** **Mon., June 27:** Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m. District Office. **Mon., July 4 - Fri., July 8:** All school offices closed **Mon., July 18:** Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office.



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Born to Amanda and Eric Travers of Brainerd, a baby girl, Margie Lynn weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on May 22, 2022.

Born to Nicole and Chase Brattlund of Brainerd, a baby girl, Parker Rainn weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on May 23, 2022.

Born to Katelyn and Cody Olson of Brainerd, a baby girl, Isla Joy weighing five pounds, 10 ounces on May 24, 2022.

oObituaryo

Gerald Kotula

Gerald Bernard Kotula, 81, Browerville, passed away May 15, 2022, at the CentraCare-Long Prairie Hospital.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 19 at the Christ the King Catholic Church in Browerville.

Interment was at the church cemetery.

Gerald Kotula was born on November 3, 1940, the son of Ivan and Viola (Meyman) Kotula of Browerville. Jerry graduated from Browerville High School and then enlisted in the United States Navy. While in the Navy Jerry trained as a radio operator. When he came home on leave to be the best man at his sister's wedding, he was reintroduced to his sister's best friend, the maid of honor, Miss Glenna Anderson. The two started talking and writing letters back and forth. Their love story started 59 years ago, when Jerry got down on one knee in downtown Browerville and asked Glenna to be his wife. They were united in marriage at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on October 20, 1962. Their union was blessed with five children, who blessed them with six grandchildren.

After serving his country for six years, Jerry was honorably discharged and returned to Minnesota. He and Glenna moved to Minneapolis where he worked in a toy factory, applied and accepted a job with the United Parcel Service, working for the company for the next 32 years. The couple lived in Fargo, ND, transferring to Wadena and lived in Staples. They purchased a cabin on Horsehoe Lake, where they spent their weekends with the kids, friends and family. Memories galore were made at the lake, including their yearly pig roast theme parties, bonfires, tag in the yard and swimming. Jerry

was a strong compassionate man, who always put others first. He enjoyed his Friday night poker games, shaking dice with the guys in the morning at the cafe, was an avid hunter, fisherman, worked with wood, taught himself how to do website design and could be seen tooling around on his golf cart. Jerry's favorite activity of all, was just being in the presence of his family, often sitting back, listening to the chatter, taking in all the smiles, laughter and stories. He was the fun grandpa that loved his cookies and enjoyed sharing (well mostly anyway) with the grandkids. A creative soul, he was fun, loving and is already dearly missed.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Glenna; two sons, Jeff (Kim Kilde) Kotula and Tom (Margaret) Kotula; two daughters, Amy (Brian) Tolifson and Becky (Acen) Turner; six grandchildren, Kaleb Middleton, Ben Kotula, Brandon Tolifson, Isaac Tolifson, Ethan Tolifson and Lily Tolifson and one sister, Cheryl Petersen.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Scott Alan Kotula.

Arrangements were by Iten Funeral Home in Browerville.

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Staples Area Church Directory

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Staples Alliance

1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891

Pastor Zach Jones

Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God

914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081

Pastor Roy Miles

Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.

Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.

Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609

Pastor Barry Klein

Facebook Live

Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC

firstcongaucstaples@gmail.com

204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571

Worship.....9:30 a.m.

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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.....218-894-2296

Church.....

Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz

MASS:

Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.

Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist

421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples

218-894-0033

Saturday Worship.....9:30 am.

Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant

15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923

Pastor Scott Jorgenson

Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran

1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372

Rev. Robin Collins

Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248

Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults).....9:15-10:15 a.m.

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19550 490th Street, Aldrich

Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)

Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.

Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

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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

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Sunday Worship

January - July.....9 a.m.

July - January.....11 a.m.

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Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)

Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist

33 Wellwood St. E

Motley 56466.....218-352-6888

Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor

Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor

Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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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

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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

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Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

Monday AA meeting.....8:00 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

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Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189

Childrens' 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.

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218-445-5108

Pastor Jill Pawlowski

Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

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Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6

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Sunday Service.....10 a.m.

“How Short is Your Forgiving Life-List?”

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

There is no doubt about it. Forgiving someone often is hard and costly. It is no small thing to be violated in any number of ways. Trust is a very valuable virtue in every relationship and when that is betrayed, it is serious.

In our Tuesday evening men's small group, we are going through a book/video study by John Eldridge entitled "Wild At Heart" (2021). We are presently in material that is identifying and addressing "wounds," especially from our fathers.

In this whole deep area of forgiving, we do need to be honest about what or who has hurt us. That cannot be a denied or rushed process.

But eventually, sooner rather than later, we need to get down to the vulnerable business of who we have hurt or betrayed or violated. We strongly tend to be more blind about calling those situations out. As with Jesus words in Matthew 7:3 (TNIV), "Why do you look at the speck of saw dust in someone else's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?" Indeed, why do we "Selfish self-protection comes in many packages, but none of which is more deadly than an unforgiving heart. Unforgiveness breeds bitterness and bitterness kills you.

To be sure, the process of forgiving may be the most challenging "plank" that we must deal with in our own lives. You see, according again to Jesus, the wisest and most costly forger ever, in the Matthew 18:21-25 parable, we have far, far more to be forgiven of by God

than we are asked to forgive of someone else. That perspective does not come naturally. (Please don't run too quickly past that last sentence.) We absolutely need God's supernatural help to forgive.

Our ONLY hope in forgiving (releasing) someone else of the wrong they have done to us, is to draw upon heaven's forgiving resources through the cross that Jesus died upon for each one of our otherwise, unpayable debts. It speaks profoundly to what Jesus is getting at in "The Lord's Prayer" in Matthew 6:12.

So, how short is your "forgiving life-list?" We need to think not only in the present, but way back in our life's story. And it cuts both ways. Not only do we need to grant forgiveness in a relationship that still is unresolved (and we can't force anyone else's forgiveness process), we need to ask ourselves, "who do I need to ask forgiveness from?"

Years ago, I was a part of a seventh grade all boys shop class that was put into a quarter of art with a single female teacher. Our class disrespected her. We made her life so hard that she quit teaching after that quarter. It wasn't until I was in seminary that, through a letter and an in-person visit, that I sought out and received her forgiveness.

We may need to ask forgiveness from our children, both when they are young and when they become adults, for improper ways we handled things. Let's bring our forgiving list to zero.

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Student Achievements

KRISTEN JOHNSON, Staples, recently received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

BETHANY SWIM, Pillager, was named to the 2022 Spring Semester Dean's List at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill. To qualify, students must have been enrolled full-time and attain a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE, has announced its Spring 2022 Academic Honors List. Those named to the President's List earned a grade point average of 4.0 and

those named to the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99. Students on both lists also completed a minimum of six college-level credits. Local students named include:

- Callista Gardner, Aldrich, Dean's List
- Jamie VanVickle, Pillager, President's List
- Braeden Wangness, Pillager, Dean's List
- Caitlin Becker, Staples, Dean's List
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Hooked On Fishing 2022

Fourth grade classes from Staples Elementary School and Sacred Heart Area School participated in the "Hooked On Fishing" event held May 20 at Lake Shamin-

eau. Volunteers took the students out for a "cool" day of fishing on the lake. (Submitted photo)

Cardinals advance in track meet

The Staples-Motley track and field teams are both advancing more than a dozen athletes to the section meet, after competing in their subsection on May 26.

The top 6 individuals and top 3 relays will advance, plus the next two fastest times between the three subsections.

One notable absence for the boys is the 4x100 relay team, which was one of the favorites. They were unable to complete one of their exchanges and were disqualified from the competition.

Girls results

Sub-section 22
Perham 134, Frazee 116, Staples-Motley 82, Wadena-Deer Creek 82, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 78, Pillager 56, Pine River-Backus 48, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 47, United North Central 25, New York Mills 20, Browerville 14
4x800 relay - 1. (Ashley Robben, Aften Robinson, Kyanna Burton, Audrey

Brownell) 10:03
100 hurdles - 14. Jayce Kob-liska 18.74, 16. Bailey Weiland 19.06, 18. Avery Japke 20.08
100 - 2. Nathalie Hahne 13.98, 20. Corrine Olson 14.82, 25. Mar-iona Caminal Gimenez 16. 65
4x200 - 6. (Camden Anderson, Wieland, Ja. Kobliska, Olson) 2:01
1,600 - 4. Audrey Brownell 5:52, 8. Sophie Schlosser 6:04, 20. Addisyn Cichos 6:34
4x100 - 10. (Olson, Ronnie Noska, Jorja Kobliska, Isabel Cole) 58.42
400 - 2. Aften Robinson 1:02, 13. Sabina Moe 1:10, 19. Hannah Cole 1:12
300 hurdles - 2. Hahne 50.34, 7. Ja. Kobliska 53.00, 13. Japke 56.78
800 - 1. Robben 2:25, 22. Moe 2:51, 27. Suhaila Mikhaeil 2:56
200 - 20. Noska 31.78, 21. Abby Brichacek 32.03, 26. Annie Schlosser 33.03
3,200 - 2. Kyanna Burton 11:39, 5. Bella Hines 12:34, 7. Naila Mikhaeil 12:51
4x400 - 4. (Hahne, Robinson, Robben, Brownell) 4:16
High jump
13. A. Schlosser 4'4, 15. Caminal Gimenez 4'2, 16. S.

Schlusser 4'2
Pole vault - 11. Jo. Kobliska 7'0"
Long jump - 6. Hahne 14'11", 20. Anderson 13'0", 25. Pam Lawrence 11'9"
Triple jump - 13. Ja. Kob-liska 29'9", 14. I. Cole 29'6", 16. Jo. Kobliska 28'3"
Discus - 4. Madysen Hull 95'0", 12. Grace Jennissen 81'8", 30. Miranda Schotzko 50'11"
Shot put - 10. Hull 28'10", 18. G. Jennissen 25'0", 21. Josie Jennissen 23'7"

Boys results

Sub-section 22
Perham 140, Pillager 101, Wadena-Deer Creek 83, Staples-Motley 82, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 79, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 59, Frazee 56, United North Central 43, Browerville 32, Pine River-Backus 24
4x800 - 3. (Grant Johnson, Luke Brownell, Odin Trif, Logan Robben) 9:09
110 hurdles - 9. Noah Larson 20.13, 11. Gavin Chenoweth 20.92
100 - 1. Remington Converse 11.51, 5. Corey Hansen 12.06, 7. Austin Weite 12.37
4x200 - 9. (Blake Neelan, Che-

noweth, Alexander Helstrom, Sawyer Ferdon) 1:46
1,600 - 4. Issiah Tabatt 4:51, 8. Brownell 5:01, 12. Trif 5:31
4x100 - DQ
400 - 3. Sivert Klefsaas 53.70, 6. Johnson 55.87, 11. Deven Kadus 57.58
400 hurdles - 4. Larson 48.71
800 - 13. Will Dolezal 2:22, 17. Blaine Plattner 2:29, 18. Ivan Lozano 2:33
200 - 1. Converse 23.19, 5. Hansen 24.10, 11. Weite 25.16
3,200 - 3. Tabatt 10:42, 4. L. Robben 10:44, 8. Dillon Robben 11:32
4x400 - 9. (Plattner, Isreal Ritter, Nicolas Fernandez, Dolezal) 4:12
High jump - 1. Hunter Miller 6'0", 7. Avandre Brandt 5'6", 10. Conner Kuhns 5'4"
Pole vault - 9. Kuhns 8'6"
Long jump - 20. Larson 15'1", 21. Chenoweth 14'9"
Triple jump - 7. Ferdon 37'2", 15. Chenoweth 30'6", 16. Dustin Converse 28'10"
Discus - 10. Ferdon 92'3", 18. Drake Dukowitz 79'5", 24. Steven Petrich 71'1"
Shot Put - 9. Petrich 34'2", 20. Ferdon 29'4", 21. Dukowitz 29'3"



Softball playoffs

The Staples-Motley softball team lost 18-0 to the number one seed St. Cloud Cathedral in the first round of the Section 6AA playoffs on May 23, ending their season with a 2-14 record. Pictured, Brooke Converse smashes a pitch in a game earlier this season. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals end regular season on winning streak

The Staples-Motley baseball team used clutch hitting and powerful pitching to defeat Royalton 4-2 on May 26.

The Cardinals scored two in the first inning with the help of an RBI single by Sam Opheim. They used

good base running to manufacture runs in the third and sixth.

Colbe Tappe, Justin Philippi and Josh Kossan combined to. Each of them got a strikeout to end an inning with runners in scoring position.

It was the end of a busy week in which Staples Motley earned a win against Bertha-Hewitt and Browerville. Earlier in the week, the Cardinals lost 10-0 to Wadena-Deer Creek.

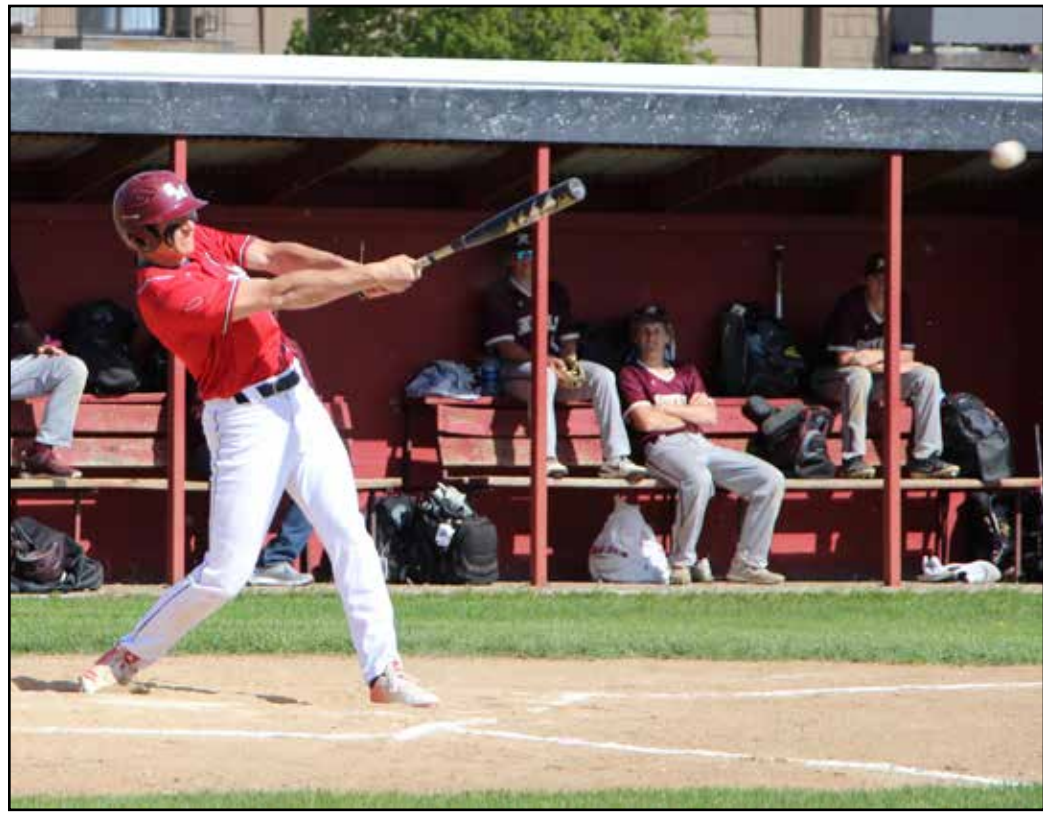
Section playoffs begin after Labor Day.



Golf team wins JV conference title

The Staples-Motley junior varsity golf team were the Mid State Conference JV champions in their meet at The Traditional golf course in Breezy Point on May 24. From left, Jesse, Zach Tabatt, AJ Nie-now, Cy Johnson, Jaden Johnson and Micah Larson.

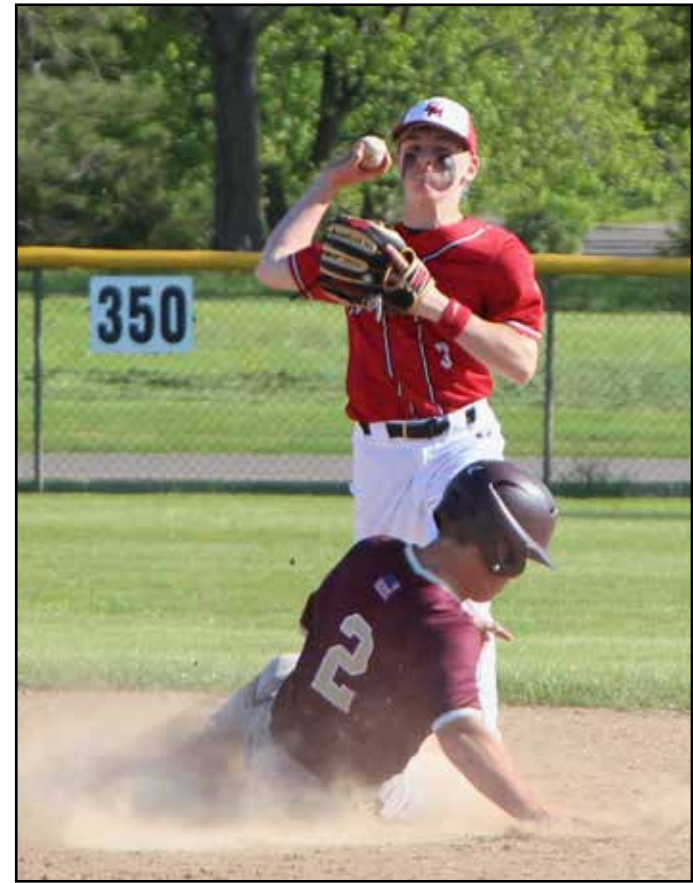
Pictured at right, Jaden Johnson putts out after earning closest to the pin on a par 3 hole. (Submitted photos)



Sending the ball to the outfield

Sam Opheim clobbers a pitch to earn a hit for an RBI in the first inning of

the win against Royalton. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Defensive plays

Above, Jack Carlson looks to turn a double play. Right, Hunter Martin tracks down a pop foul at the fence.





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			Winnie Portage Unorg.

The dates that ballots will be mailed for the foregoing mail ballot precincts are:

State Primary	August 9, 2022	Ballot Mailing Dates:	June 24– July 26, 2022
General Election	November 8, 2022	Ballot Mailing Dates:	September 23– October 25, 2022

Each voter registered by July 19, 2022 for the August 9, 2022 State Primary will be mailed a ballot automatically. Each voter registered by October 18, 2022 for the November 8, 2022 General Election will be mailed a ballot automatically. Eligible voters not pre-registered by this date, or pre-registered voters wishing to receive their ballot at a temporary address, may apply for an absentee ballot. Voters may register and apply for an absentee ballot on-line by visiting mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us or the elections and voting pages of the Cass County website at www.co.cass.mn.us. For paper applications or assistance, call 218-547-7260. Ballots may be returned by mail (a postage prepaid return envelope is included when the ballots are mailed), delivered in person by the voter, or delivered by designated agent to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484. Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day in order to be counted. Normal business hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hours on election day are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voters with disabilities and other special needs, either permanent or temporary, may access a voter assist terminal to mark their ballot by bringing their ballot and ballot envelopes to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at the address noted above, or other designated absentee voting locations. Officials are also available at these locations to complete the witness requirements for mail ballots. Instructions are included with each ballot. The back of the return envelope must be signed by the voter and witnessed by any the following:

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EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS TO FINANCE PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT'S TEN-YEAR FACILITIES PLAN AND OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170 (STAPLES-MOTLEY) CASS, MORRISON, TODD, AND

WADENA COUNTIES, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board of Independent School District No. #2170 (Staples-Motley), Cass, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena Counties, Minnesota (the "District"), intends to issue its general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,805,000, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended,

CASS COUNTY LAND DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED PARCELS

Notice is hereby given that an Oral Auction will be held on the front lawn of the Cass County Courthouse, 303 Minnesota Ave. West, Walker, MN at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 11, 2022.

For information concerning specific parcels, contact the Cass County Land Department at 218-947-3338, or the Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 218-547-7210. Parcel information may be viewed on the Cass County Website: www.co.cass.mn.us

FILED IN DISTRICT COURT STATE OF MINNESOTA APRIL 29, 2022 TODD COUNTY DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT INFORMAL PROBATE COURT FILE NO. 77PR-22-391

Estate of Denise M. Young, Deceased

Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Without a Will)

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS: Notice is hereby given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Court. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Court has informally appointed the following: Name: Judy Ann Young Address: 1120 6th Street NE #604, Staples, MN 56479 as Personal Representative

of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative, or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Date: April 29, 2022

Daniel Benson District Court Judge

Kim Peterson Court Administrator

Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.595, as amended, and Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.62, as amended. A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds (the "Facilities Maintenance Portion") in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,825,000 will be used to finance certain projects included in the District's ten-year facilities plan and related financing costs. A general description of the projects to be financed is as follows:

- Deferred maintenance projects included in the District's ten-year facilities plan approved by the Commissioner of Education.

A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds (the "Capital Facilities Portion") in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,980,000 will be used to finance the following capital projects and related financing costs:

- Facilities projects approved by the Commissioner of Education.

The total amount of District indebtedness as of May 1, 2022, is \$11,730,000. If these proposed Bonds were issued after that date, the total indebtedness of the District at that time would be \$15,535,000.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170 (STAPLES-MOTLEY), CASS, MORRISON, TODD, AND WADENA COUNTIES, MINNESOTA

Dated: May 23, 2022

Mary Freeman
Clerk of the School Board
Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley),
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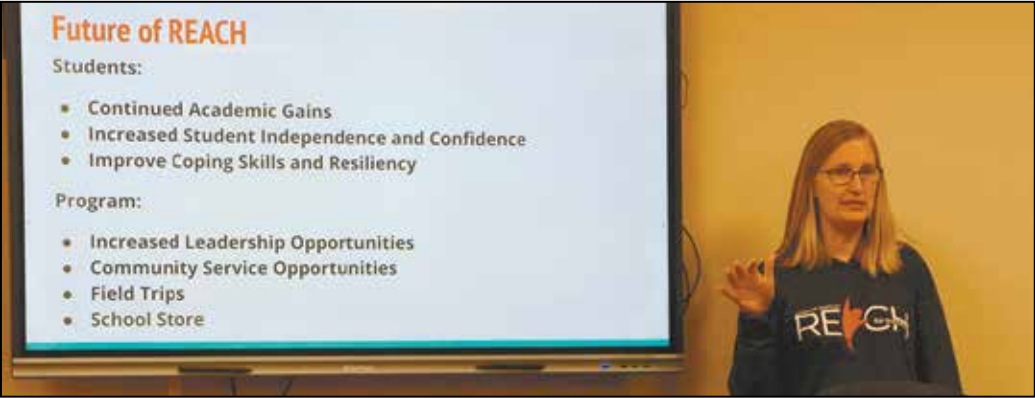
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Showing the benefits of REACH

Staples-Motley teacher Val Turner gives a presentation about the school's REACH program to the Staples-Motley School Board on May 23. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Store planned

lems that year. But that reputation has been reversed.

"I have seen dramatic change because of the students, leaders and volunteers," said Turner. "The coolest one to me is the loyalty the kids have to the program."

The program started with 10 students coming in for one class period. In just two years it has grown to 140 students in grades 5-8 and 100 in grades 9-12.

Now there are very few behavior problems in the REACH classroom.

"They know I'm an advocate for them," said Turner.

Students who get their work done during the week are rewarded with a Friday fun day that includes board games, old video games and field trips.

The REACH students are now looking to take their skills outside the school and are asking for more leadership opportunities and community service projects.

Turner said one project they have planned for next year is to open a school store.



Learning together

REACH students participate in activities together. Pictured top, from left, Mariona Caminal-Gimenez, Abby Simon and Margherita Picciau work on a puzzle. Below, Daniel Ortiz, Austin Weite, Austyn Oothoudt, Corey Hansen, Alex Black and Devon Fishman lift a stick together in an activity. (Submitted photos)



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Teachers remember moments with students

education, so I suppose that helped as well."

Her favorite memories from her years at Staples-Motley? "The students, of course! We have made so much music over the years and I estimate that I had almost 3,000 students pass through my classroom. It has been wonderful seeing my former students excel at MS and HS music, and many in college groups. Helping students develop their music skills is wonderful, but the hugs and smiles are great too. I also have taught with great colleagues. Our children grew up together, we developed close relationships and spent a lot of time together outside of school. They are like my family and I hope we stay in touch."

When asked about the biggest changes and challenges she's seen in education, Mary answered, "The pandemic threw everyone for a loop. First the distance learning, which was brand new to every single one of us. Then a year of social distancing and masks, with modifications for music without indoor singing. And this year appeared normal, but it is hard to get back to where we were before this all started. Declining enrollment, lack of teacher support, struggles of families and students, and lack of qualified teachers coming into the profession have all been a problem for the past many years."

What has she learned from working with young people? "That they can do anything! I try to teach every student that they can do whatever they set their minds to in music. Everyone learns at a different pace, but that shouldn't stop them from meeting their goals."

Mary said that she is going to miss the hugs, the smiles and the kids singing. "I will also very much miss my school family," she went on. "We will need to be good about planning some get-togethers so we don't lose touch."

Post-retirement plans? "Sleep, do some crafts and up-cycling, and not cram everything that needs to be done into the weekend. I might travel a little more, but my husband is still working so that might have to wait a year or so. We enjoy growing a garden and I love to process and can the food that we produce. I will be serving on the boards of some arts organizations, and plan to volunteer for community service organizations. I've missed making music by myself, instead of directing others, so I plan to sing and play my flute more. It will be a work in progress!"

Deb Otteson

She's worked for the Staples-Motley School District for 30 years, Deb shared.



A song in her heart

Music teacher Mary Moen is pictured at Staples-Motley Elementary, leading kindergartners from Sacred Heart Area School in song. Mary is retiring after 28 years as a music teacher with the district. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Brought humor to work

Deb Otteson has worked for the Staples-Motley School District in a variety of positions over the past 30 years, most recently as an administrative assistant at the middle/high school. In addition to sharing her humor with staff and students, Deb was known for her willingness to sing whenever she was asked...whether it be the National Anthem at a sporting event, or belting a Pat Benatar number at a school variety show. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

"I started as a para, then ran the care and treatment program, then became an administrative assistant."

When asked what inspired her to get into this profession, Deb said, "I wanted to be a music teacher and when that dream didn't materialize, this was the next best thing to working with students."

What are some of her favorite memories from her years at Staples-Motley? "The students...their excuses to get out of things...but most of all their humor and fun-loving ways," Deb said.

When asked about the biggest changes and challenges she's seen in education, Deb responded humorously, "None - my entertainment is still loved by the students...no change or challenge there...LOL!"

What has she learned from working with young people? "That students are always looking for guidance even when they don't think they are. I've loved being a parent-like (figure) to so many students."

What will she miss most about her job? "My co-workers and sharing all of my wisdom and witty comebacks with them!" she laughed.

She doesn't have any real post-retirement plans, Deb said, then added with a laugh, "Other than annoying my husband (Rick) and tagging along wherever he goes."

Reporters note: Craig Otteson, a bus driver for the Staples-Motley School District retired this past February, and was not available at the school to be interviewed.

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