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Johnson, Wiegan named **Educators of Excellence**

Heather Wiegand and Erik Johnson were the two Staples-Motley teachers honored at the Educators of Excellence event held May 3, at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts at the Brainerd High School.

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

More than 50 educators from schools in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties were selected by school administration for outstanding

dedication, hard work and leadership.

This event recognizes and awards local educators who positively impact students and colleagues. In addition to individual Educators of Excellence awards, leaders, paraprofessionals, a coach, team, support staff and silver lining awards of excellence were also named and recognized.

Innovator of the Year, awarded by the Innovative Schools Project to Pequot Lakes elementary teacher Deanne Trottier. Bertha-Hewitt first grade teacher Jared Hoemberg

was among those honored at the event as an Educator of Excellence.

gram this year was the

recognition of the 2023

"It was amazing to be sur-A new addition to the pro- rounded by educators who

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care so deeply about kids in our area," Hoemberg says. "To be recognized with some of the very best was humbling and significant. The ultimate winner of the evening was the kids, knowing that they are receiving a top-notch education from people that love what they do.

Hoemberg says he was also touched by the fact that the trophies given to the Educators of Excellence were created by students from his district in the NextGen Bears program.

'To see our kids innovate

Admiring the artwork Beth

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Decker, Administrative Specialist at Sourcewell in Staples, enjoyed looking at the variety of artwork on display during the Regional Art Show May 12, at Sourcewell. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples, Minnesota

Accident leads to assault in parking lot

Demetris Burgin, 28. of Motley, was given a citation for fifth degree assault for punching another person in the face after that driver had smashed into his car at the the parking lot of Burger King in Staples.

The accident occured when Burgin's vehicle was in the



Honored teacher

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Dale Hausmann,

WCCO's Staples area

Weatherwatcher

Kassidy Rice, Sourcewell Manager of Education Solutions, left, presents the Educators of Excellence to Heather Wiegand.



Excellence award

Paul Drange, Sourcewell Director of Regional Programs, left, presents Erik Johnson with the Educators of Excellence award.

and create something meaningful to many is incredibly special. The NextGen Bears has grown tremendously the past few years. creating countless projects. A huge shoutout has to go to our Superintendent Eric Koep for playing a big part in starting the program. I am very proud to say I grew up, work and I'm from Bertha-Hewitt.'

In addition to Bertha-Hewitt, educators from the following districts were honored: Brainerd, Cass Lake-Bena, Crosby-Ironton, Freshwater, Little Falls, Menahga, Mid-State, Northland Community, Pequot

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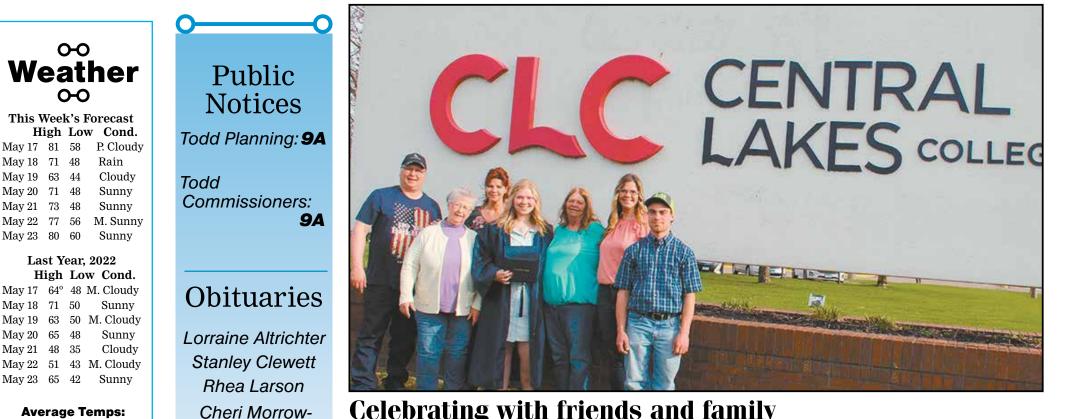
drive-through lane where he and another passenger were ordering food. There were also children in the vehicle. A pickup truck driven by Steven Munger, 73, of Verndale, came up behind them, smashed into the rear end of the car and pushed Burgin's vehicle forward several feet.

According to Staples Police, Munger's driving status had been canceled before the accident and Burgin's driving status had been revoked, so neither driver had a valid license to drive.

Munger told police he had pulled up behind the vehicle and accidentally stepped on the gas when he meant to step on the brake.

After the accident, Munger said that Burgin came to his vehicle and punched him in the face. Two witnesses backed up that claim.

Staples Police said Munger will receive a citation for driving after cancellation. Police transported Munger to Lakewood Health System for evaluation.



Celebrating with friends and family

Following the Commencement Ceremony at Central Lakes College in Staples May 10, friends and family of graduate Brooke Heldman posed outside by the college sign. From left are Darren Heldman and Annette Heldman, both of Staples; Cindy Kuepers, Upsala; Brooke

Heldman, Staples; Charlotte Thieschafer, Upsala; Jenny Heldman, Staples; Robert Richter, Verndale. Brooke Heldman received a Phlebotomy Technician certificate. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Medical emergency leads to vehicle crash in City of Motley

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports that on May 5, at approximately 3:52 p.m., they received a report of a motor vehicle accident on Hwy 10 in Motley.

According to the sheriff's office, a vehicle driven by 26-year-old Tyler Holub of Hospital in Staples with Motley was traveling south on Hwy 10 when he suffered a medical emergency. Holub's vehicle hit a power pole, street sign and eventually a building. Holub was transported by ambulance to Lakewood Health System

unknown injuries.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Motley Fire and Rescue and Staples Ambulance.



Motley business damaged during crash

Hwy 10 and Beaulieu Street in Motley was damaged when a vehicle crashed into one side of it the afternoon of May 5. The driv-

Diamond Industrial, located near er of the subject vehicle, Tyler Holub of Motley, had suffered a medical emergency. (Submitted photos)



Motley area law enforcement report

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

May 9 - Motley police issued a citation to Paul received a report from a 116 Hwy 10 S., Motley.

violation.

May 9 - The MCSO received a report of a trespass at the 26000 block of 40th Ave., Cushing.

May 7 - The MCSO Blomquist, 36, for driving Minnesota Duty Officer

200 block of Ash St. E., Motley.

May 5 - A Morrison County deputy was dispatched to a one vehicle accident with injuries at

May 5 - The MC

2023 Regional Art Show at Sourcewell



State fair bound, art show winners

Blue ribbon winners at the Regional Art Show at Sourcewell in Staples (pictured above), qualify to be entered at the Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul this August. Two seniors at Staples-Motley High School received blue ribbons for their art work. They were Tindra Osterlund, with her 'Aboriginal Butterfly' entry in the crafts category (top row, center); and Lily Albertson, with her entry piece 'Glitched' in the digital art category (top row, far right).

The art show included entries from students representing the following five school districts: Browerville, Pequot Lakes, Pine River/Backus, Sebeka, and Staples-Motley.

Sourcewell employee Phil Olsen was the coordinator of this event. Olsen said that since COVID, this is the second time they've been able to host

the art show. "We had a total of 132 entries," Olsen said, noting that they were divided into three age groups: grades 4 - 6; 7 - 8; and 9 - 12. A variety of art mediums were on display at the Sourcewell gallery, including sculpture, craft, pottery/ceramic, painting and printmaking. Judges for the Regional Art Show were from Wondertrek Music and the Crossing Arts Alliance, both of Brainerd.

Other ribbon winners from Staples-Motley included Lana Schwab, Grades 9 - 12 crafts, second place, 'Dotted Lizard'; Nicole Carter, Grades 9 12 drawing, 'Medusa' and Grades 9 - 12 sculpture, honorable mention, 'Gentle' and honorable mention, 'Draped Torso'; and Nicole Carter, Grades 9 - 12 sculpture, honorable mention, 'Draped Torso.' (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



after revocation and uninsured vehicle.

May 8 - Motley police issued a citation to Elizabeth Cory, 53, for hands free

that there were dead fish on Shamineau Lake in Motley.

May 6 - Morrison County deputies responded to a domestic situation at the

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received a report of a bus driving down Dove Rd., Cushing, that was all over the road and speeding. The responding deputy spoke with the driver in person and advised him of the complaint. There were no signs of impairment.

May 4 - The MCSO reported a motorcycle was traveling west on 320th St., Cushing, approaching 20th Ave. The driver stated his foot caught the road and he lost control in the curves. The motorcycle left the roadway and entered the north ditch and flipped. The driver was ejected from the motorcycle and transported with unknown injuries.

Fun family outing

After learning about the Regional Art Show at Sourcewell via a Facebook post, Tiffany Dougherty of Verndale thought it was something she and her two boys would enjoy. She was cor-

rect. Her sons, Darwin, five; and Arthur, three, especially liked the paintings and drawings of animals that were on display in the gallery. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Cardinal Tumblers receive donation from Lions

cently received a \$1,000 donation from the Staples Host Lions Club. Pictured front row, from left, are Mythanne Thompson, Kace Thompson, Penny Lee, Lizzie Kroll, Reese Thompson, Gabriel Kroll, Liam Kroll, Macklee

The Staples-Motley Cardinals Tumbling Program re- Thompson, Lion President Steve Sing. Back row. from left, are Ava Kroll, Ava Roline, Sarah Kroll, Charlie Noska, Arabella Moore, Renee Kroll. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

o-o Looking back

75 YEARS AGO - 1948

• May 13, 1948 - Miss Grace Pepper Smith, a missionary from India, will be a speaker at the Methodist church in Staples May 18, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The appearance of Miss Smith in Staples has been arranged by the Women's Society of Christian Service of the church. The public is invited to attend.

• May 13, 1948 - Maynard Olson took over duties with the Staples city police force on May 1, making the present law enforcement body in

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the city up to four members. Personnel of the department include Jesse Marr, Chief, Lewis Dailey, Gerold

Oner, Dewis Daties, Gerota Roscoe and Mr. Olson.
May 13, 1948 - Dr. and Mrs. Foster W. Bens and Rev. and Mrs. Harris Johnson of Staples left Saturday

morning, May 8, for Seattle, Wash., where they will be in attendance at a national convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance churches. They plan to be gone about two weeks. They are motoring through in the Bens car.

• May 13, 1948 - The 44th annual camp meeting for the Oylen district will start on Sunday, June 6, and run through that week, terminating on Sunday, June 13, according to a report the first of this week.

• May 13, 1948 - Word was received in Staples Wednesday of this week that a number of Staples young people observed Mother's Day in Los Angeles, Calif., by having a "Staples get-together" at Huntington Beach near that city.

The party started out with early morning church services, and some of the young folks met at the apartment of Mary and Rose Ann St. Pierre. From there, they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sousa (Mary Lou Little), and then to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Erbe (Delores Mallow), and then went to Huntington Beach where they spent the remainder of the day until seven o'clock. While there they had a picnic dinner.

• May 13, 1948 - When the Staples Women's Study club met in the library Tuesday afternoon of this week, Mrs. David Platek spoke on the subject, "Rural Life in Russia." Her material was taken from the book, "Why They Behave Like Russians." Mrs. C. W. Mohler gave the selected verse, "The Song of Life," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

50 YEARS AGO - 1973

• May 17, 1973 - The Staples Chapter of the Future Farmers of America recently elected their officers for the 1973-74 year. Heading the 100-member organization as president will be Mike Salber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Salber. Other officers are as follows: Robert Sowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sowers, vice-president; Mike Motl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Motl, second vice-president: Clark Roth. son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Roth, secretary; Scott Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Miller, treasurer; Lonnie Brichacek, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brichacek, reporter; David Sowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sowers, sentinel.

• May 17, 1973 - Bruce Zetah, a member of the Motley FFA Chapter received his Region II Star Hog Farmer Award at the 44th Annual Minnesota FFA State Convention May 6 and 7. Bruce also received his State Farmer Degree at the Convention.

• May 17, 1973 - One hundred and thirty-six seniors will receive diplomas at the 66th annual Commencement Exercises of Staples High school at eight o'clock May 22, in the Staples Auditorium. Led by the class valedictorian, Joyce Holmquist, and the class salutatorian, Debra Olstad, the graduating seniors will march to the stage of the auditorium



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Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1980. 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.

to the music of 'Fanfare and Processional' played by the high school band, directed by Larry Correll. The invocation will be delivered by the Rev. Vincent Huebsch, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, followed by Stan Carlson directing the A Cappella Choir as they sing 'The Hands of Time.' Dr. R. Galen Hanson of Benson, author of, "A New Day," will be the commencement speaker.

25 YEARS AGO - 1998

• May 14, 1998 - The Heartland Relay for Life, scheduled for June 26 - 27, will introduce area cancer survivors who will walk a victory lap together to kick off the relay style fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The Survivor Recruitment Coordinator is Mary Theurer of Staples, who is a 13 year survivor of breast cancer.

• May 14, 1998 - Three retirees were honored recently by the Staples Motley School District. They included Gail Magnuson, elementary teacher for 30 years; Ron Beachy, high school science teacher and coach, 30 years; and Rollie Penfield, high school math teacher and coach, 29 years. • May 14, 1998 - With dis-

tance runner Derek Mattila and pole vaulter Matt Heier leading the way, the Staples Motley boys track team won the Section 8AA True Team track meet held in Park Rapids May 5.

The win, in coach Ron Beachy's last season as track coach, qualified the Staples Motley boys for the state true team meet, to be held May 16, at Blaine's National Sports Center. The State Class AA meet is set to begin at 3 p.m.

• May 14, 1998 - The Staples Motley tennis team finished in second place Saturday in the Mid-State Conference tennis tournament, winning two of the seven division titles.

"We're a very young team, we've been up and down all year but we seem to know when to come on. We played very well Saturday at Park Rapids," Coach Joe Finn said of his team.

Senior Kenny Swecker took first place in the fourth doubles division, while Adam Putnam and Jeff Thompson downed all three of their opponents in the second doubles division.

• May 14, 1998 - Dan Orth of Integrity Insurance Agency in Staples received the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents' "Service to the Community award" at a special presentation May 5.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept.

May 3, Staples Police responded to the Lakewood Health System ER to take a report of a vehicle/pedestrian accident with injuries. Officers were able to find the driver of the vehicle and innsurance information was exchanged. The officers found no criminal fault. A state accident report will be made.

May 5, Staples Police received a report of a stolen vehicle in the area of the 300 block of Dakota Ave. SE. While enroute to the area, dispatch informed the officer that the stolen vehicle had been repossessed over the night. Reporting party was advised.

May 5, Staples Police received a report of a school bus stop arm violation in the vicinity of the 500 block of Warner Rd. NE. The bus driver reported a smaller 4-dr SUV, black in color, failed to stop for a school bus loading children, the stop arm was out with red lights flashing. Police will attempt to contact the driver. The bus garage was able to provide video of the incident.

May 5, Staples Police and Staples Fire Dept. responded to a report of black smoke in the area of 1400 block of 8th St. NE. Upon arrival in the area officers noticed a brush fire in the woods on the east side of the trailer court. Firefighters arrived and quickly extinguished the fire. No foul play is suspected. Less than an acre of woods burned.

May 5, Staples Police were notified of a stolen bicycle that had been located by the owner along the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE. Officers were able to identify the bicycle on scene after being given a detailed description of it. Officers made contact with the homeowner, who stated they didn't know where the bike had came from and that it had been around for roughly a year. Officers made contact with the owner of the bicycle and returned it to them.

May 5, Staples Police received an ATV complainant near the intersection of Michigan Ave. and 7th St. NE. The reported stated the ATV, with a very loud exhaust was repeatedly driving in the area. Police located the driver of the ATV and warned and advised the driver on the incident.

May 6, Staples Police received a report of an abandoned vehicle at the Assembly of God church. It was reported the vehicle has been sitting at the location for about a week. Police checked with the registered owner, who advised the officer that the vehicle had been stolen out of Wadena.

May 6, Staples Police and Staples Fire Dept. responded to a reported fire in the area of 900 block of Pine Grove Rd. Upon arrival police noticed an individual burning a brush pile. Individual was advised of the burning restrictions and agreed to put the fire out on his own.

May 7, Staples Police received a report of a driving complaint in the area around 3rd St. and 3rd Ave. NE. It was reported that a black Chevy pickup, with wide wheels running stop signs and traveling at a high rate of speed. Officers located the vehicle traveling north on Airport Rd. Officers tried to catch up to the vehicle, when it turned eastbound onto Warner Rd. and not using a turn signal. The vehicle then turned southbound onto 4th St. NE. again not using a turn signal. The vehicle turned into an apartment building parking lot, where police spoke with the driver and issued a verbal warning for his driving conduct and failure to use turn signals.

May 7, Staples Police received a report of shoplifting that occurred at the Family Dollar Store. Family Dollar Store provided video and a photo of the suspect.

May 7, Staples Police responded to a report of a fire on the walking trail by Jon's Family Foods. The fire was located approximately 200 yards north of Warner Rd. Staples Fire Dept. does not suspect foul play.

May 7, Staples Police received a report of a silver Chevrolet passenger car with two occupants in the 500 block of 7th St. SE possibly taking pictures of children in the neighborhood.





Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the April 20, 1978 edition of the Staples World featured Motley FFA Chapter students who had been placed on the state chorus and band and would be performing at the Annual State FFA Convention April 23 - 25, on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota. Jill McAllister (left) and Sheri Sampson (third from left) were selected for the 72-member chorus to be directed by Layton Peters of New Ulm. Jill was selected as a soprano and Sheri an alto based on written recommendations of Mrs. Jacqueline Macheel, vocal music director at Motley High School. Judy Montgom-

ery (second from left) and Louise Nowak (right) were selected for the 87 member band to be directed by Gary Evenson of Willmar. Judy was on the state band last year and was reselected for the flute section. Louise will play her oboe. These girls were also selected on the basis of written recommendation of their instructor, Mrs. Jeanne Rohr.

Vicki Paskewitz, Browerville; Bonnie Madson, Staples; Pat Held, Motley, correctly identified all. Sheri (Sampson) Johnson of Motley, correctly identified all, even producing a copy of this photo that she saved in a scrapbook. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo. Orth is the first Minnesotan to receive the award which was established a year ago. Three awards are made per quarter.

10 YEARS AGO - 2013

• May 16, 2013 - There was still a significant amount of ice on area lakes during the fishing opening May 11. Temperatures were in the 30s and 40s that day but were expected to be in the 70s and 80s the next week.

After a couple of hours out on Lake Shamineau May 11, Keith Trout of Motley and Kyle Reese of Staples decided to call it quits. Although Reese did catch one northern (that had to be thrown back in) the two said the fish just weren't biting. "Too cold," Trout said.

• May 16, 2013 - Nearly 1,000 stems (trees and shrubs) were planted along the banks of the Long Prairie River in Motley May 13, by students at Pillager High School and Staples Motley High School. The project was spearheaded by the Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District to stop the erosion and sedimentation in the Long Prairie River and to reduce the undermining of Hwy 10.



Flag donated to the World

Staples World employee Janice Winter holds up the new American flag that was recently donated to the newspaper by the Tri-County American Legion Post 124. The World appreciates their generosity as well as their service. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)









Letters to the Editor

National May 15-21

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who've lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

• Currently, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities throughout the United States.

• Since 1786, more than 23,000 law enforcement of-

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ficers in the United States have died in the line of duty. The names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC.

• As of December 31, 2022, 410 officers, both recent and historical, have been designated as Official Line-of-Duty Fallen Heroes and will be added to the Memorial this spring.

Let's join together during National Police Week and publicly salute the service and dedication of law enforcement officers in Todd County, and in communities across the nation.

Barb Dinkel Goodrich Lead Advocate Hands of Hope Resource Center / Todd County



As the school year comes to a close, I'm writing today to celebrate someone who has dedicated the last four years to supporting our students.

As an AmeriCorps member, with Reading Corps, Bev Paskewitz has focused on providing our students with extra practice and support to improve their reading skills. Over the past four years, she has given a total 4,650 hours helping our students succeed.

Bev works one-on-one or in small groups with students who need extra help building their skills. With Bev supplementing the excellent work our teachers

rooms, we've seen wonderful growth. They've (AmeriCorps members) been an invaluable part of our community.

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I especially enjoyed watching her build strong relationships with the students she serves at Staples-Motley Elementary.

I couldn't let the school year end without acknowledging Bev and all she has done to support our students. As Bev moves on to their next adventure this summer, we'll have big shoes to fill in the fall. If you're interested in joining our team as a reading tutor, visit <u>join.readingandmath.</u> org.

Jolene Elfstrum Internal Coach Staples-Motley Elementary

Quote of the week "Without a debate of ideas, with-

out verified facts, without diversity of perspectives.

By Marnie Werner, Vice President, Research Center For Rural Policy and Development

In January, Abdulla Gaafarelkhalifa was the only reporter left at the St. Cloud Times. His last day was Feb. 1, according to a January 2023 article from Axios, and after he was gone, the Times, an award-winning newspaper with a history that can be traced back to 1861, was left with no reporting staff.

The Times is now being called a "ghost paper," one of hundreds of newspapers around the United States that still exist, still put out a product, but have little to no staff and therefore little to no local content.

According to Penny Abernathy, the Knight Chair in Journalism and Digital Media Economics at the University of North Carolina, approximately 2,500 newspapers in the U.S. disappeared between 2005 and 2022, in recent years, at a rate of about two (2) a week. But like the Times, not every newspaper closes. Many have had their budgets cut and employees let go, especially in the newsroom. In Minnesota, the change can be illustrated in two numbers: 26 percent and 70 percent. According to the MN Department of **Employment and Economic** Development, between 2000 and 2021, the number of newspaper establishments (print-first, not online news outlets) in the state fell from 344 to 254, a 26 percent drop. Employee numbers, however, fell from 9,499 to 2,844, a 70 percent drop. Even more telling, the average number of employees per establishment went from 28 to 11.

Rural Minnesota has few newspapers the size of the St. Cloud Times. Most communities are served by small weekly newspapers, the primary sources of what could be called "hyperlocal" news, the news that's so local—city council meetings, school board meetings, community events-that no other news outlet would cover it if the local weekly paper disappeared. Among the approximately 120 Minnesota newspapers that disappeared between 2000 and 2022, around 40 percent of them were weeklies serving the Twin Cities suburbs, while the other 60 percent were Greater Minnesota papers. Dailies were affected as well, reducing their print editions from six or seven days a week to only two or three and a handful longtime dailies closed altogether, including the International Falls Daily Journal and the Mesabi Daily News in Virginia, covering the Iron Range. Among Greater Minnesota's weeklies. savs Lisa Hills, executive director of the Minnesota Newspaper Association, most of the closures, especially among small rural weeklies, have been the result of mergers and acquisitions made by neighboring papers in an attempt to improve their economies of scale and therefore their bottom lines, making it possible to survive.

Newspapers still crucial to local communities

Every county in Minnesota has at least one newspaper (except Wilkin County, which technically has never had a newspaper since it's served by the Wahpeton, N.D. paper), so the state doesn't have any news deserts. In 2022, however, 17 counties had only one paper, including Olmsted County, which had four in 2000. In rural areas, that leaves many large territories covered by small papers with reduced staffs and a lot of news potentially going unreported.

Then in 2020, the pandemic was predicted to be the "extinction-level event" for local newspapers, but that hasn't happened so far. Despite the dire situation, many rural counties in Minnesota still have two, three, four, even five weeklies. Some are even expanding. What does the future look like for these important sources of local news that can't be found anywhere else? And what does the loss of this news do to communities when it comes to civic and political engagement?

What happened to the newspaper industry?

The fact that the number of print newspapers in the U.S. fell 28 percent between 2005 and 2022 is alarming, but circulation has in fact been dropping since at least the 1990s caused by a combination of historic shifts in culture and technology that permanently affected newspapers' ability to make money.

On the circulation side, reader attitudes and preferences have been shifting away from traditional print newspapers as a primary source of news in the community since the 1990s. Over the years, different reasons have lured people away: the 1980s, when newspaper circulation peaked, saw the advent of nationwide cable channels like CNN and TBS, adding to the competition already coming from broadcast TV and radio. In the 1990s, as more mothers began working full time, families found less time to sit down and read the paper, especially as a leisure activity, according to Margaret Sullivan, a former editor the Buff News and The New York Times and author of the book Ghosting the News. The 24-hour news cycle was already well in place by the time Internet access became commonplace, giving people the means of getting news anytime, anyplace, at their fingertips, especially after the advent of the smart phone in 2007. By 2011, a majority of the people responding to a Pew survey that year didn't regard their local newspaper as a key source of local news and information anymore. When asked how it would affect their ability to keep up with information and news about their local community if their local newspaper no longer existed, 69 percent of respondents indicated that it would have no impact (39 percent) or only a minor impact (30 percent) on their ability to get local

information. The response was even higher among 18to 29-year-olds: 75 percent said their ability to get local information "would not be affected in a major way by the absence of their local paper." Heavy tech users responded similarly.

Yet, when asked in the same survey which news sources they rely on for that local information, "newspapers were cited as the most relied-upon source or tied for most relied upon for crime, taxes, local government activities, schools, local politics, local jobs, community/neighborhood events, arts events, zoning information. local social services and real estate/ housing.'

The case for "hyperlocal" news

An extensive amount of research has been done on how newspapers or the lack of them affect civic engagement. When we talk about civic engagement in this case, we're referring "to the ways in which citizens participate in the life of a community in order to improve conditions for others or to help shape the community's future.'

The common narrative around the loss of newspapers is that they provide important information that people need to be able to make good decisions (especially politically) in a democratic society. After all, Thomas Jefferson said, "The only security of all is in a free press," while Alexander Hamilton wrote, "To watch the progress of such endeavors (corruption) is the office of a free press. To give us early alarm and put us on our guard against the encroachments of power. This then is a right of the utmost importance, one for which, instead of yielding it up, we ought rather to spill our blood."

But in these days of instant news at our fingertips, are local newspapers still relevant? Their supporters argue that they are not just relevant, they are crucial, especially in rural areas, where they specialize in news no one else carries. Local papers deal in the "hyperlocal," reporting on the news of a single city or

way, however. Losing a small-market newspaper affects citizens' access to information and news about political matters in their community(13). The Warroad Pioneer closed in 2019. and it has not been replaced. In a recent article in the Grand Forks Herald, Warroad's city administrator Kathy Lovelace stated that the "big hurdle is communication, how do you get things out to everybody? The minutes from school board and city council meetings can be accessed online, she said, but "there's no indepth reporting of agenda items and how they impact the community." Some community groups in the city communicate their news on social media, "but older generations don't use it as much and don't know how to get information about what's happening in the area," Lovelace said.

The trouble with news on social media, too, is that it becomes self-selecting: people only see what they choose to see. If they want to follow the news of the local parent-teacher organization, they can through that group's social media, but that reader is highly unlikely to also accidentally come across an article about new road projects that will be affecting property taxes or an opinion piece that challenges that reader's political beliefs on a topic.

Today's news environment puts a lot of stress on the news consumer to be their own fact-checker and researcher. "Instead of relying on a newspaper to interpret and verify information on behalf of the individual reader, the post-newspaper world places the onus on the individual to verify information, seek alternative perspectives, and band together with others to challenge information from those in power," says Mark Nonkes in his 2020 review of research on newspaper closures. "With the closure of newspapers," Nonkes says. "one wonders how individuals will be exposed to unanticipated information about their community that may expand their perspective, maintain their sense of belonging, and/or assist them in problem solving.' Researcher Joshua Darr, who studied the impact the type of news can have on readers, found that when local newspapers close, instead of finding another local option, people tend to get their news from national outlets. The problem, Darr says, is that people then stop paying attention to local issues and focus on higher-level, more nebulous issues. "When people read news about their neighborhoods, schools and municipal services, they think like locals. When they read about national political conflict, they think like partisans," Darr concluded. Darr notes that in July 2019, the executive editor of The Desert Sun in Palm Springs, Calif., conducted her own experiment after reading Darr's research: "She decided to drop national politics from the opinion page for a month," Darr said. She ran "just op-eds and letters about California, Palm Springs and the surrounding Coachella Valley." In that month, the paper was suddenly covering more local issues in greater depth, as were the letters and opinion pieces. Partisan arguments disappeared from the paper, while local issues like architectural preservation and traffic congestion increased. Those problems may sound trivial, Darr says, but "these (local) topics were not about **Democrats and Republicans** - they were about Palm Springs issues."

democracy is a shadow of itself." — Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO, **Director-General on World Press** Freedom Day (May 2)

Quote of the week

"The bigger the information media, the less courage and freedom they follow. Bigness means weakness." - Eric Sevareid



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This hyperlocal level is where the individual taxpayer can have the most impact, and where there may be the least amount of official oversight. Addressing the St. Cloud Times' current state of affairs, Dale Zacher, chair of the Department of Mass Communications at St. Cloud State University, commented: "This would be a great time to be involved in political corruption, because there's nobody watching."

An informed public?

But what if individuals simply don't care, or they find news so distressing, they avoid it or they don't believe the source is trustworthy?

Unfortunately, not everyone feels the need to be informed on their local news, or any news. University of Minnesota journalism professor Benjamin Toff found in his research that some people actively avoid the news because they find it too negative or they're overwhelmed by too many choices. News is seen as "emotionally taxing, a source of uncertainty and lack of control ... in a complex and upsetting world." At the same time, other respondents in his study "rejected the notion that being informed was a requirement for good citizenship." As one respondent in Toff's study put it, "'It'd be nice to know what's going on, but I don't feel like I've missed out on anything.'

Not everyone feels that

Quote of the week

"It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then." - Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

furrent Happenings

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

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May 18

Staples World

'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

May 19

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

May 20

THE AFTERGLOW - AN EVENING of Music and Fellowship pre sented by the Staples Area Men's Chorus, will be held Saturday, May 20, 7 p.m., at Sacred Heart Area School, 324 4th St. NE, Staples. Tickets are available at Kevin Nelson Insurance, from any SAMC member, and (if not sold out) at the door.

May 22

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

May 23

WADENA COUNTY REPUB-LICANS MTGS are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Wadena VFW at 7 p.m. If you wish to eat early you may order from the menu prior to meeting. 'GRIEFSHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT

School Board meeting May 22

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet. Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

Groups or individuals wishing to be included on the school/community forum portion of the meeting must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon the Friday prior to the board meeting.

The agenda includes but not limited to:

-Approve the Fundraiser requests from SM Softball; and SM Baseball/Diamond Club

-Approve the QCOMP career ladder positions for the 2023-2024 School Year

-Accept the resignation of the following: Jaysa Saumer, **Elementary Music Teacher** (effective 4/28/23); Cy Bestland, Head Boys Basketball Coach; Ray Borg, Custodian (effective 4/26/23); Courtney Lisson, School Readiness Teacher (effective 4/28/23); Jordan Walz, Director of Nutrition Services (effect. end of contract 6/30/23); Amanda Notch, MS/HS Paraprofessional (effect. 4/28/23); Joy Rippentrop, MS/HS Teacher (effective

end of 22-23 school year) -Approve the hire of: BobbyJo Johnson, MS/HS

-Approve the 2023-24 Inter-district agreement for Health Occupation Services with Browerville

-Approve the 2023-24 service agreement with Northern Pines Mental Health Center, Inc.

-Approve the agreement with E-3 Consulting Solutions (Jerald Nesland) for Community Education services for 2023-24.

-Approve the 2023-24 Food Service Catering agreement with FED Area Learning Center, Sacred Heart Area School, Central Lakes Adventure School

-Approve the 2023-24 Cooperative agreement for the Transportation of Children & Youth in Foster Care Placement

-Approve the Resolution for the Non-Renewal of Jorie Ihme, a Tier 1 Teacher.

-Facilities Update – ICS -Approve the removal of Loren Walz as the Clerk designee, and Designate Trisha Larson to Perform Duties of the Office of Clerk.

Upcoming schedule: Fri., May 26: Gradua-

tion Mon., June 5: Board Work Session, 6:00 p.m., Dis-

trict Office Mon., June 19: Regular Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.; **GROUP** is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through May 30. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STA-**PLES** are held at the Staples Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

May 29

THE MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL Society will be hosting an Open House on Memorial Day, May 29, noon - 3 p.m., at Motley City Hall. Pie and ice cream will be served. The historical room will be open to visitors to browse through.



Staples Area Church Directory

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Motley Free Methodist	
33 Wellwood St. E	
Motley 56466	
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor	
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor	
Sunday Worship	
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Youth Group6:00-8:00 p.m.	
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497 3rd Ave. S, Motley218-352-6399	
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Tuesday .6:30 p.m, Saturday ..4:00 p.m. **United Methodist** 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466 **Pastor Greg Leslie** www.motleyumc.net Sunday Worship Service.. .10:00 a.m Monday AA meeting.. .8:00 p.m

Oylen

Oylen Alliance Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore .10:00 a.m. Sunday School .. Sunday Worship .11:00 a.m

Pillager

Connection Point

Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt,

Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor

Hewitt

218-924-2028

Sunday School ... Sunday Worship

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Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMŚ) 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 Úhren .10:30 a.m. Sunday Services Sunday School ..9:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses .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 Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor SUNDAY .9:20 a.m. Youth Praver Worship Service10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting WEDNESDAY . 5 p.m.

.6:30 p.m. Life Groups

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	
WEDNESĎAY	

Family Night..... .5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Luther of Bartlett Towns 17097 460th St., PO Box 3 Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship WEDNESDAY Bible Study	hip (LCMS) 7, Verndale 9:00 a.m.
Verndale United 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship	

Special Education Teacher - 2023/24 School year; Christine Mayer, Elementary Paraprofessional; Robert Watson, MS/HS English Teacher - 2023/24 school year; Melissa Wright, school **Readiness Teacher**

District Office Mon., July 3 - Fri., July 7, ALL SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon., July 2 **Board Meeting** District Office.

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24: Regular	Thomastown Covenant
; 6:00 p.m.;	15940 251st Ave., Staples

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	Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament	Sunday Worship WEDNESDAY
	Sunday Worship January - July	First Baptist 903 River Street South, Pillager Pastor Jake Anderson 218-746-3768
;	Maple Hill Lutheran Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister	curious@fbcpillager.com Worship Gathering

7:00 p.m.	5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)	
	Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950	
	Sunday Service	
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e itt, MN	The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690 Sunday Service	
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7:00 p.m.		

He Cares for You

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity, Lutheran Church, Staples

May Day / "mayday"

1 Peter 5:7 - Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.

May 1, May Day, is an ancient European festival celebrating the beginning of summer. But on this most recent May Day, I was not celebrating, but awaiting knee surgery. You might say I was distressed, bringing to mind the distress call "mayday."

The "mayday" signal has been in use since the 1920s when it was chosen as a single word, international distress signal for ships and aircraft. Spoken over the radio, it immediately alerts other ships and aircraft, harbor and airports, that there is trouble, some kind of emergency on board. Help is needed and it is needed now.

Now I can't say my surgery was an emergency. Meniscus repair - it was pre-planned and elective. But there was still some distress. No need, however, to cry out, "may day," but did go well.

instead a cry out to the Lord to be with me, the surgeon and medical team that all might go well.

Now we all have things in our lives that cause distress. Some are emergencies. Some are big, and some are smaller. They might be health related, or might involve relationships. They might involve work and finances, or many other things.

Whatever they are, God invites us to cast all of them upon Him. He invites us to pray and to seek His help in every trouble. He cares for us and He loves us.

In fact, He loves us so much that He took care of our greatest need, the salvation of our souls, by sending His son to die for us.

If God cares for us, that much, we can surely trust Him to care for all our anxieties. In Jesus name. Amen.

BTW - I am happy to say that my surgery



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^o Commencement Concert, Choir/Band/Orchestra (Grades 9-12) May 19, 7 p.m.

• BACCALAUREATE May 21, 7 p.m., Church of Christ, Staples

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Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

^o Cords and Awards Ceremony for Seniors May 24, 1:30 p.m.

^o Last Day of School May 26

• GRADUATION May 26, 7:30 p.m.

• MEMORIAL DAY May 29, Offices closed

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



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Gene Rick Gene D. Rick. 94. of Litchfield, passed away May 10, 2023, at his home sur-

Lorraine

Altrichter

Lorraine D. Altrichter,

91, of Staples, passed away

May 12, 2023, at the Lake-

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Weds.,

May 17, at St. James Cath-

olic Church in Randall

at 11:00 a.m., with Father

Jimmy Joseph officiating.

Visitation will be held from

10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Weds.,

the Scandia Valley Ceme-

iarski was born October

6, 1931, to Anthony and

Anne (Drong) Bryniarski

in Todd County. Lorraine

graduated from Little Falls

High School in 1949. She

was united in marriage to

Ed Altrichter on October 22,

1949, at St. James Catholic

Church in Randall. Lor-

raine was a homemaker

for many years, and also

worked for 23 years as a

home health aide for Mor-

rison County. She loved to

cook and was very good at it

as all of the children in the

neighborhood (even some

adults), knew what great

fresh bread she made. Lor-

raine also enjoyed garden-

ing and always had a large

one. She was a member of

the Christian Mothers at St.

James in Randall and was

very active in the church.

Lorraine will be missed by

three sons, Gary (Kathy)

of Pillager, Michael (Judy)

of Cushing and Patrick

(Tami) of Cushing; three

daughters, Carol of Stew-

Lorraine is survived by

all who knew her.

Burial will take place in

Lorraine Delores Brvn-

May 17, at the church.

tery following Mass.

wood Manor in Staples.

rounded by loving family. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Weds., May 17, at Cornerstone Church, Litchfield with Pastor Jeff Garland officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services

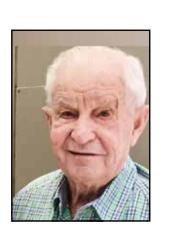
at the church. Interment will follow at Ripley Cemetery in Litchfield. Following the services at the cemetery, family and friends are invited to return to the church for a time of fellowship and lunch. Services will be livestreamed on Gene's obituary page at www.johnsonhagglund.com.

Gene Douglas Rick, son of Charles A. Rick and Inez F. Angier Rick, was born August 16, 1928. Gene grew up in the rural Litchfield area, graduating from Litchfield High School in 1946. While in high school, he enjoyed woodworking classes and farming with his dad.

Gene met Mavis Bachman through his sister, Joyce, as the two were best friends in high school. Gene and Mavis were united in marriage July 15, 1951, and a blessed marriage it was - 71 years and 10 months. After renting farm land in their first years of marriage in the Forest City/Kingston area, they purchased the family farm located in the Forest City Township.

Gene raised dairy cows, hogs, crops and also did custom work for neighbors on the side. During this time, they raised two children, Bob (born in 1956) and Jodi, whom they adopted in 1967 at five weeks old.

Gene was a life-long farmer who often remarked he loved to watch the dirt roll. He also was a good mechanic and enjoyed his red machinery, but at times, when frustrated, threatened them with a can of green spray paint. Gene was a hard worker and neighbors would remark how they would see Gene run from one tractor to another. Gene and Mavis were meticulous



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Obituaries

the chairman of the Forest City Co-op Creamery. He was an active member of the Covenant Church and later the First Baptist Church of Litchfield. Gene enjoyed the few times off the farm, snowmobiling and fishing.

At age 53, Gene survived a massive heart attack and a triple bypass which ended his days of farming. At this time, they bought a house in Crescent Park in Litchfield and later moved to Ripley Greens. Gene and Mavis enjoyed their winter months RV-ing in Arizona, frequent trips to Palm Springs, CA, to visit Jodi and Chase. He enjoyed his morning coffee with his coffee buddies at Cenex, and was known for keeping the squirrel population in check around his bird feeders. One of Gene's many favorite memories was celebrating his and Mavis's 60th wedding anniversary at Bluefin Bay on Lake Superior with the entire family.

Gene is survived by his wife, Mavis, of Litchfield; one son, Bob (Tammy) of Browerville; one daughter, Jodi (Steven DeArmond) of Mesquite, NV; seven grandchildren, Jenna (Nathan) Kromann, Jesse Rick, Chase Rick Messineo, Élijah (Morgan) Rick, Quinn (Julie) Rick, Annika (Charley) Young and Greta Rick and four great-grandchildren, Noah, Levi, Ethan and Britta.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lloyd and Ernie and one sister, Joyce Lohse.

The family asks for

Cheri Morrow-McKinnon

Cheri Lynn (Timbs) Morrow-McKinnon, 67, of Birmingham, AL, passed away May 8, 2023, in Birmingham. A memorial service will

be held at a later date in Birmingham.

Cheri was born July 9, 1955, in Knoxville, TN, to Clyde and Gerri Timbs. After graduating from high school, Cheri enjoyed a stint in the Nashville music scene, scoring three chart hits in the record business. Deciding that was not for her, she moved to Long Beach, CA, where she worked as a marine telephone operator for a few vears. Although she loved the West Coast, Cheri was a Southern girl at heart, and relocated to Alabama, where she enjoyed a successful career in auto sales and the mortgage banking business.

She is survived by one son. Jon (Cheri) Morrow. Birmingham; beloved longtime care-giver and dearest friend. Carol McKinnon. Birmingham; four brothers Gary (Dawn) Timbs, Sta-

Rhea Larson

Rhea Ann Larson, 70, passed away May 5, 2023, at her home in Clitherall, after a little more than a yearlong struggle with pancreatic cancer.

Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 19 at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church, rural Battle Lake. The service will be streamed online.

Visitation will be held Thursday, May 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with a Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m., at the Eagle Lake Lutheran Church and one hour prior to services at the church on Friday.

Born January 23, 1953, in Staples, Rhea was the third of five children born to Ernest and Marlys (Marcotte) Weber. She was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples. She grew up in Staples and graduated from Staples High school in 1971.

met her first band and friend, Ross Jacob Miller, when they were classmates together. In the late spring of 1971, following graduation Rhea and Ross married. Though the relationship wasn't permanent and they parted ways in 1981, they had two children together: Jason and Darcy. Several years later, Rhea met Bruce Larson and they married on March 15, 1986: including Bruce's son Greg, creating a blended family. Her strength of character and authenticity were known to those closest to her. She was always kind and her sense of humor never faded. Until her final days she was full of love and



ples, Larry (Karin) Timbs, Cody, WY, Clyde, Jr. (Sherry) Timbs, Knoxville, Jeff (Stacy) Timbs, Knoxville; several nieces and nephews including Matthew Timbs, Birmingham and beloved dogs, Josie and Fifi.

Cheri was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Tony Morrow and grandmother, 'Little Mama.' God graciously gave us

67 years with our "little sis" whom we loved and cherished. Now she's home with Jesus.

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care for those around her.

Forever remembering Rhea will be her husband, Bruce; one son, Jason Miller of Georgetown, KY; one daughter, Darcy Miller of Champlin; one stepson, Greg (Tammy) Larson of Parkers Prairie: five grandchildren, Alisha (Joe) Nustad, Elizabeth (Jackie) Cluxton, Benjamin Miller, Graham Larson and Aiden Larson; five (soon to be six) great-grandchildren:

Zoey, Emma and Henry

Nustad, Louis Cluxton, Lin-

coln Cluxton and (soon to

be baby girl Cluxton); one

brother, Rick (Carol) Weber

of Minneapolis along with

many loving nieces, neph-

ews, extended family and

were her parents; two sis-

ters, AnMarie Weber and

Mona Johnson; one brother,

Ernest Edmund (Jay) Weber

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Funeral Home's website.

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Preceding Rhea in death

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art, Gerry of Cushing and Debbie (Loren) King of Cushing; one brother, Ravmond Bryniarski of Cushing; two sisters, Mariann (Allan) Host of Long Prairie and Joanne (Gary) Collins of St. Cloud and four grandchildren.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ed; one daughter, Jackie; one sister, Rita Britz-Toenies; infant brother, Stefan and one grandson, Isaiah.

Caring for Lorraine and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Little Falls.

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about the upkeep of their farm site along Highway 24.

Gene was the chairman of the Forest City School District 1074. He was also

Ronald Stave

Ronald Lerov Stave, 86. of Baldwin, WI passed away peacefully May 2, 2023

A Celebration of Life Service will be held June 3 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church 581 County Rd B, Woodville, WI 54028. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the church.

Ronald was born July 10, 1936 to Roy and Clara (Olson) Stave in Todd County.

Ron worked as a carpenter and a farmer, until he retired at the age of 60.

He loved his many horses and dogs and was a lover of all animals. He enjoyed ATVing with family and friends and while visiting many states doing just that.

He will be deeply missed by his wife of 64 years, Sharon (Mohrland) Stave; seven children, Rhonda (Kevin) Olson, Renee (Tom) Smith, Shelly Stave, Wendy Stave, Timothy (Pam) Stave, Kristine Herzog and Terri

memorial contributions to be made in Gene's name to Ecumen Hospice or to Cornerstone Church.

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Stave; 12 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; nieces, nephew; one brother, Darrell Stave and one sister, Shirley Duis.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Russel, Gerald, Royce and Kessell Stave, Carol Canfield, Ruby May, Opal Mertens, Pearl Hoemberg and Delona Hoemberg. w21p A00006B2023MY17

Stanley Clewett

Stanley Lenard Clewett, 95, of Summerville, SC passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 3.2023.

A private memorial and celebration of life will be held in White Bear Lake.

Stanley was born April 3, 1927 to Lenard and Florence Clewett in Staples.

Stan was very fond of his hometown and attended many Staples High School class reunions. Growing up, he held summer jobs on the railroad and enjoyed fishing and bird hunting with his dad and brother. Upon graduating from Staples High School, he attended the University of Minnesota, where he received a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering. He served four years as an officer in the U.S. Navy, which included active duty in the Korean War. He spent most of his career managing the construction of large electrical generating facilities at many locations, including Mexico and Iran.

Stan and and his wife, Gloria, spent most of their retirement years in Homosassa Springs, FL, enjoying their Methodist church,



traveling, golf and quilting. They moved to Summerville, SC to be closer to their daughter, Carol.

Stan is survived by his loving wife of over 72 years, Gloria Eunice (Nelson); his two sons, Leonard (Sarah) and Mark (Kristy); two daughters, Julie (George) and Carol (Brad); eight grandchildren, Kyle, Jennifer, Claire, Erica, John, Kelly, Brian, Will and Ellen; five great-grandchildren, Thomas, Ben, Alex, Claire and Jack; one brother, Merle (Jan) and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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White shoots par to win golf meet

The Staples-Motley gof teams got a lot of action in the week of May 8-13. Carter White won the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Decon's Lodge on May 9 with an even par 72, then was second in the St. Cloud Country Club Invitational on May 11 with a 74, two over par.

The Staples-Motley girls team played at Park Rapids on May 8, the Gravel Pit Open May 9, and hosted their home meet May 13. Mallory Uselmen placed 6th, 5th and 12th in the three meets.

Boys results Bemidji Invitational

Moorhead 304, Detroit Lakes 313, Bemidji 319, Pequot Lakes 321, Roseau 321, Barnesville 325, Staples-Motley 327, Walker-Hackensack-Akely 328 Grand Rapids 331, East Grand Forks 336, Hawley 341, Thief River Falls 344, Perham 360, Pine River-Backus 363, Crookston 367, Wadena-Deer Creek 368, Park Rapids 396

10. Carter White 77, 22. Isaiah Schultz 81, 31. Keller Anderson 83, 48. Peyton Mithun 86, 48. Grant Bestland 86, 64. Jackson White 89

Arnold Palmer Invitational at Deacon's Lodge

Cloquet 307, Eden Prairie 312, Pequot Lakes 313, Robbinsdale Armstrong 313, Staples-Motley 322, Little Falls 342,



Making state rankings

The Staples-Motley boys golf team is ranked 16th in the state by the iwanamaker web site, where the Minnesota State High School League records golf scores. Pictured from left, Carter White, Keller Anderson, Peyton Mithun, Jackson White, Isaiah Schultz and Grant Bestland.

Pine River-Backus 347, Crosby-Ironton 357, Pierz 372, Wadena-Deer Creek 381

1. C. White 72, 16. Bestland 81, 21. Mithun 83, 29. Schultz 86, 34. J. White 88, 37. Anderson 89

St. Cloud Country Club Invitational

Benilde-St. Margaret's 302, Elk River 308, Sartell 312, Brainerd 318, Egan 320, Bemidji 321, Rogers 321, St. Cloud Cathedral 325, St. Michael-Albertville x, Staples-Motley 332, Marshall 333, Sauk Rapids-Rice 336, Wayzata 338, Pequot Lakes 338, Monticello 343, St. Cloud Crush 395

2. C. White 74, 41. Mithun 83, 61. Schultz 86, 71. J. White 89, 75. Anderson 90, 90. Bestland 96

Girls results

Park Rapids Invitational 6. Mallory Uselman 81, 23. Walker Johnson 93, 90. Katelyn Schotzko 123

Gravel Pit Open

5. Uselman - 8 over par after 13 holes, 14. Johnson 17 over par, Schotzko 27 over.

Cardinal Invitational at the Vintage

12. Uselman 94, 14. Schotzko 99

Tappe, Phillippi contribute to baseball win

ball team won 9-0 against Osakis on May 11.

Colbe Tappe was the winning pitcher with 14 strikeouts in six innings. The Cardinals scored nine runs on 13 hits. Justin Phillippi had a perfect night at the

The Staples-Motley base- plate, going 4-4 with four singles.

"It was a great complete game played by the Cardinals," said Coach Shane Tappe. "Great hitting, pitching and defense. Our team is really playing together collectively. The attitude

and effort by the players is evidence that we are getting better everyday. In practice our guys are taking feedback and doing the little things right and in turn we are seeing improvement in our game performance."

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Brownell breaks 1,600 meter run record

Audrey Brownell ran 5:06.18 in the 1.600 meter run to preak the staples-moties school record at the Section 6A True Team track meet on May 9. The previous record was held by Naomi Landecker, who ran 5:15 in 2008







Mallory Uselman



Isaiah Schultz





Jayce Kobliska

Softball team in close game

The Staples-Motley softball team lost a close game, 11-10, against Osakis on May 11.

The Staples-Motley boys team placed third and the girls team was sixth at the meet.

In her record race, Brownell took the lead early in and kept extending it each lap, with a powerful last lap to pull away and set the school record by nine seconds.

Kyanna Burton won the 3,200 meter race. In the boys meet, Remington Converse won the 100 and 200, while Hunter Miller set a personal record in clearing 6'4" in the high jump.

Girls results Section 6a True Team

track meet

Barnesville 738, Frazee 687, Pelican Rapids 675, Osakis 611, Wadena-Deer Creek 573, Staples-Motley 546, Ottertail Central 508, Bertha-Hewitt/ Verndale 504, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 414, United North Central 381, Parkers Prairie 278, Browerville 272, Breckinridge 251, New York Mills 237

100 - 11. Corinne Olson 14.26, 26. Kana Reese 15.94

200 - 16. Olson 29.74, 22. Isabel Cole 31.22

400 - 2. Ashley Robben 1:02, 13. Sophie Schlosser 1:06

800 - 3. Aften Robinson 2:27, 25. Addisyn Cichos 3:07

1,600 - 1. Audrey Brownell 5:06.18, 21. Suhaila Mikhaeil 6:28

3,200 - 1. Kyanna Burton 11:25, 3. Bella Hines 12:38 100 hurdles - 8. Jayce Kobliska 18.87, 12. Bailey Weiland

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52.36, 16. Avery Japke 58.25 4x100 relay - 9. 58.40

- 4x200 10. 2:04
- 4x400 1. 4:17
- 4x800 1. 10:09

High jump - 9. S. Schlosser '8", 19. Japke 4'2"

Pole vault - 10. Japke 6'6", 13. Jorja Kobliska 6'0"

Long jump - 17. Weiland 13'2", 23. Camden Anderson 11'11"

Triple jump - 9. Cole 30'5", 18. Ronnie Noska 28'6"

Shot put - 7. Anderson 30'5", 21. Weiland 24'6"

Audrey Brownell

Discus - 24. Annie Schlosser 64'10", 26. Weiland 58'2"

Boys results

Section 6a True Team track meet

Pelican Rapids 716, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 685, Staples-Motley 673, Osakais 639, Barnesville 582, Parkers Prairie 569, Ottertail Central 506, Wadena-Deer Creek 416, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 413, Frazee 405, Browerville 353, Breckinridge 349, United North Central 132, NewYork Mills 78

100 - 1. Remington Converse 11.25, 6. Austin Weite 11.84 200 - 1. Converse 22.52, 4.

- Weite 23.64 400 - 5. Logan Robben 54.80,
- 11. Noah Greenwaldt 56.17 800 - 7. Robben 2:12, 22. Ivan

Lozano 2:30

1,600 - 9. Issiah Tabatt - 5:00, 14. Odin Trif 5:29

- 3,200 6. Tabatt 10:57, 9. Dillan Robben 11:49
- 110 hurdles 5. Noah Larson 18.09, 9. Gavin Chenoweth 20.43 300 hurdles - 7. Larson 46.12,

15. Turner Beachy 48.19

- 4x100 DQ
- 4x200 4. 1:40 4x400 - 3. 3:47
- 4x800 6. 9:45
- High jump 1. Hunter Miller 6'4", 3. Avandre Brandt 6'0" Pole vault - 2. Beachy 11'6", 3.
- Connor Kahn's 10'0"
- Long jump 11. Greenwaldt 18'3", 19. Josiah Critten 17'1"
- Triple jump 5. Brandt 39'0", 9. Sawyer Ferdon 37'11'
- Shot put 6. Steven Petrich 38'0", 7. Drake Dukowitz 37'4"

Discus - 17. Petrich 94'10", 20. Dukowitz 86'1"

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT **Court File Number:** 77-CV-23-310 **Case Type: Contract**

AMENDED **CIVIL SUMMONS**

Magnifi Financial Credit Union, Plaintiff vs Matthew Rahn and Tamara Rahn, a/k/a Tamara D. Rahn, John Doe, Mary Roe and each other person unknown claiming any right or interest in any part of the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants

This Summons is directed to (name of Defendants): Matthew Rahn and Tamara Rahn a/k/a Tamara D. Rahn; and John Doe, Mary Roe and each other person unknown claiming any possessory right or interest in any part of the real estate described in the complaint herein.

1. You are being sued. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The *Complaint* is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that start a lawsuit and affect your legal rights, even if nothing has been filed with the court and even if there is no court file number on this Summons.

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To protect your rights, you must serve a copy of your *Answer* on the person who signed this Summons in person or by mail at this address: Mark F. Uphus, Attorney at Law, 310 Main Street East - PO Box 158, Melrose, Minnesota 56352.

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8. This lawsuit may affect or bring into question title to real property located in Todd County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

All that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter in Section 26, Township 127 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Todd County, Minnesota, lying Northeast of the Township Road together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto.

The object of this action includes, among other things: foreclosure of a mortgage and other security interests against the above described property and fixtures, improvements, and any unaffixed manufactured housing unit located on the described property; to obtain judgment that Plaintiff's mortgage, security and other interests and claims against said property have priority over any claim or interest of any herein named Defendants and any other person; and obtain and docket, as may be appropriate, a deficiency money judgment against the herein named Defendants.

Dated: April 26, 2023

/s/ Mark F. Uphus Mark F. Uphus, Minn. Atty. Reg. # 141136 310 Main Street E PO Box 158 Melrose, MN 56352 Telephone: 320/256-7491 Facsimile: 320/256-7612 Email: manager@uphuslaw. com

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Questions? Phone 320-732-4420 or email toddplan.zone@co.todd. <u>mn.us</u>.

AGENDA

•Call to Order.

•Introduction of Planning Commission Members and process review.

•The applicant is introduced

•Staff report

•Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request Public comment

•Board review with applicant, staff, and public Approval of agenda.

•Approval of the May 4, 2023 Planning Commission

1. Kandota, Inc., Chuck Anderson: Section 35,

meeting minutes.

Cedar Lake, Little Sauk Township Site Address: N/A 150th Street, Sauk Centre, MN 56378. PID: 17-0039701

1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit for **Planned Unit Development** for up to six (6) non-transient RV hookup sites in **Recreational Development** Shoreland Zoning.

2. David E. Yoder: Section 12, Iona Township

Site Address: 31973 225th Avenue, Browerville, MN 56438 PID: 13-0011300

1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial furniture business in AF-1 Zoning.

3. DeSmith Addition Preliminary Plat: Middendorf's Subdivision Plat 2, Section 23, Sauk Lake, Birchdale Township

Site Address: 11454 Alcott Drive. Sauk Centre, MN 56318. PID: 03-0093900

1. Request to plat one (1), 2.35-acre, non-riparian lot in Development Shoreland Zoning.

4. Haileigh Kruzel: Section 22, Moose Lake, Burnhamville Township Site Address: 17799

Dutchman Drive, Burtrum MN 56318. PID: 06-0033000

1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit to open an in-home daycare in AF-1 and Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning.

5. Daniel N. Swartzentruber: Section 17, Little Sauk Township Site Address: 18392 State 27, Long Prairie, MN 56347. PID: 17-0016200

1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit for roof truss assembly business with retail sales in AF-1 Zoning.

6. Andy Miller: Section 24, Wykeham Township: Site Address: 35057 165th

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citizens of its actions as an essential part of your right to know. *Keep public notices in newspapers!*



Avenue, Eagle Bend, MN 56446 PID: 28-0020301

Staples World

1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit for commercial woodshop and wood processing business in AF-1 Zoning.

7. Dittrich Acres Preliminary Plat: Pine Island Lake Lots & John Japp Estates First Addition, Section 33, Pine Island Lake, Turtle Creek Township

Site Address: 31393 Little Pine Lane. PID: 24-0042600, 24-0036305

Site Address: 33848 Little Pine Drive PID: 24-0062200

1. Request to plat one (1), 1.45-acre, riparian lot in **Recreational Development** Shoreland Zoning.

8. Rose City Canopy, Inc.: Section 07, Burleene Township

Site Address: 31208 County Road 71, Eagle Bend, MN 56446 PID: 05-0004900

1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit for the expansion of existing commercial business to include the manufacture and sale of utility trailers.

9. Proposed Amendment to Todd County Planning & Zoning Ordinance:

1. Section 9.20: Solar Energy Systems

Adjournment. Next Meeting: July 6, 2023

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters. All correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.

Todd County Planning Commission Jim Pratt, Chair 21pnc



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Ecellence noted

Lakes, Pierz, Pillager, Pine River-Backus, Royalton, Sebeka, Staples-Motley, Swanville, Upsala, Verndale, Wadena-Deer Creek and Walker-Hackensack-Akeley.

The Educators of Excellence program had the following descriptions of the Staples-Motley teachers:

Heather Wiegand Staples-Motley Elementary Grade 3

Heather sets an incredible example for her students with her dedication and compassion to the teaching profession. She is committed to providing a safe and welcoming learning environment for all students by consistently recognizing their strengths and encouraging their growth. Her students love her because she is kind, warm hearted and has unique handshakes for each of them.

Erik Johnson

Staples-Motley High School/Middle School Social Studies

When it comes to history, government and all that social studies encompasses, Erik is a master at keeping students engaged, interested, and thinking. He has a passion that creates a learning environment where students are given the opportunity to not only learn new material but also to connect to the everyday world they're living in. Bike rodeo May 18

The Staples Area Bike Rodeo will be held Thursday, May 18, from 5-7 p.m. at the Staples Community Center parking lot.

The free event is for children to get their bikes tuned up and repaired, learn about bike safety, ride an obstacle course and win prizes. Children must wear bike helmets to participae in the obstacle course portion of the event.

For more information, Call Staples Parks and Rec at 218-894-2553.



Staples Fire Dept.'s mobile units

Above: Scott Yungbauer drives the J5 track machine towards a grass fire south of Staples. Middle: Robbie Lange, Todd Hoemberg and Kyle Karolus are refilling the new Polaris Ranger.

Staples Fire Chief Cole Yungbauer said "These machines make it possible for firefighters to get into the woods and swampy areas that we normally wouldn't be able to get to with our large apparatus." Bottom: the fire department still has firefighters on foot carrying water tanks on their backs to fight fires.

Chief Yungbauer said, the Todd County Sheriff's Office and DNR Forestry are still investigating the possiblity of several intentionally lit fires this spring. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



And that's a wrap

Central Lakes College President, Dr. Hara Charlier (at podium), congratulates the 2023 graduates at the conclusion of the Commencement ceremony May 10, at the Staples campus. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Project complete

Graduates of the Robotics program at Central Lakes College in Staples posed for a photo following



Receiving his diploma

Jacob Carpenter, who graduated with a certifictate in Meat Cutting and swampy areas that we normally wouldn't (Staples World photos by M

the Commencement ceremony May 10. From left are Shepard Bruin, Anoka; Ryan Youngbauer, Staples; Ian Newbold, Pine River, who had worked on a Robotics Capstone Project together. Youngbauer, Student Senate President, was the student speaker at the ceremony. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Butchery at Central Lakes College in Staples, receives his diploma from Dr. Hara Charlier, CLC President. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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JOIN US: Tuesday, May 16 | 5:00 pm

ARROWWOOD LODGE





No registration needed, all are welcome to attend.



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USDA selects R5DC to create regional food business centers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced finalists for the USDA Regional Food Business Centers (Regional Food Centers). Twelve organizations, including **Region Five Development** Commission (R5DC), have been selected as finalists to establish Regional Food Centers that will provide coordination, technical assistance, and capacity building to help farmers, ranchers and other food businesses access new markets and navigate federal, state and local resources, thereby closing the gaps to success. In September 2022, USDA announced \$400 million available to fund this initiative.

Pending an administrative review, USDA and R5DC will enter into a cooperative agreement to establish a North Central Regional Food Business Center, locally dubbed the "MiNKota RFBC," which will serve Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

"USDA looks forward to partnering with Region Five Development Commission on this innovative and unprecedented initiative," said Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt. "By leveraging the expertise soon to be available through these Regional Food Centers, USDA can offer unique support for local food systems development across the country."

"This is an extremely exciting opportunity to build on multi-state assets, honor our environmental stewardship commitments and serve the agricultural economy with an intentional focus on underserved small to mid-sized food value-chain businesses,' shared R5DC Executive Director Cheryal Hills. "The group of partners who have come together to make this happen is a dream team, and we are grateful for this incredible investment to strengthen food businesses in the North Central US

three-state region."

Collectively, the finalist organizations selected reflect an impressive cross-section of the varied institutions, organizations, and associations that must cooperate to achieve genuinely strong and distributed food systems. Region Five **Development Commission** and the other finalist organizations are already engaging with grassroots food and farm organizations and employing a range of creative strategies to build food system resiliency in their regions.

In total, USDA will establish 12 Regional Food Business Centers that will serve all areas of the country. Regional Food Centers will target their work to historically underinvested communities in their region.

More information is available on the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) Regional Food Business Centers webpage and on regionfive.org/rfbc.

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