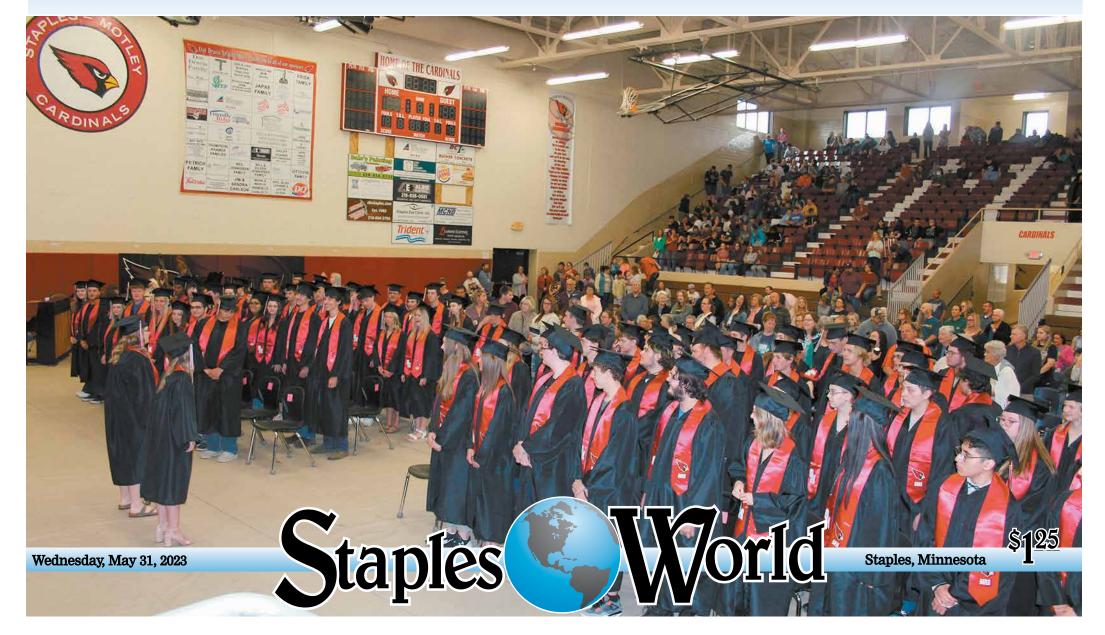
Inside this issue:

Staples Library summer programs Track at subsection meet Barn quilts for downtown Staples









Laughing yoga and living

Laughter yoga was introduced to attendees of the Conference on Aging, held May 18 at Central Lakes College in Staples. Michele Henifin from the Minnesota Department of Health showed her Laughter Yoga University for one of the sessions. Laughter releases positive hormones, brings oxygen to the blood, boosts the body's immune system and helps lift depression. Henifin said for the most benefits, laughter should be for 10 or 15 minutes and should be a deep belly laugh coming from the diaphragm.

Henifin said children laugh 300 times a day, while adults only average 20 times. The objective of laughter yoga is to cultivate childlike playfulness that helps you laugh without any reason and builid enthusiasm for life. Henifin incorporates clapping and the audience practiced laughing in different forms, such as laughing like a gorilla, donkey, lion, Santa, a Hawaiian laugh and a train laugh was used. (Staples World photos by Mark Ander-

Future leaders The Staples-Motley High School Class of 2023, led by top academic graduates Amanda Carter and Topanga Braith, stood after the procession of the 'Cords and Awards' ceremony May 24. See next week's newspaper for graduation photos, as this newspaper went to press before graduation on May 26. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Question of combining tax statements

Karin L. Nauber Todd County correspondent

At their May 16, 2023 board meeting the Todd County Board of Commis-Stan Mensen regarding the Little Sauk's Legion's desire to combine some properties that the Legion owns. They currently receive four separate property tax statements and would like to combine them for simplification.

This was discussed during the open forum before the official board meeting began.

Commissioners Rod Erickson and Lew Noska were absent from the regular meeting held May 16.

In other business: · Approved the resignation of Health Services Manager Michael Steinbeisser effective June 2.

 Approved the resignation of Jacob Fasching as full-time road deputy effective May 18.

Approved the hire of Amy Middendorf as deputy recorder with a start date to be determined.

Approved the hire of Laura Panuska for the planning and zoning summer intern with a start date of May 22.

· Approved the resignation of Eligibility Worker Kelly Bitz.

· Reappointed Paul Hartmann to the Sauk River Watershed District Board of Managers for the three-year term set to begin on July 1,

· Approved a 2023 building improvement project at the Solid Waste department in the recycling building to be done by Lightway Con-

struction for \$13,541.85. · Due to the resignation of the Honorable Daniel Benson from the Todd-Wadena Community Correction Executive Committee, a vacancy was created. The board approved the appointment of the Honorable Douglas Clark, District Court Judge in Wadena County to the committee as he has agreed to serve.

· Heard an update from Regional EMS Coordinator Marion Larson on the state of the Central Minnesota Emergency Medical Services (CMEMS) Joint Powers Board. She said that money is very tight as several funding sources have dried up or been eliminated.

Central Minnesota Emergency Medical Services (CMEMS) supports pre-hospital EMS agencies across an 11 county member area, by supplying equipment grants, training grants, critical incident stress management services and EMS coordination to stakeholders. CMEMS has struggled to obtain stable and adequate funding since its

· Approved giving the Todd County Fair Board See COUNTY on page 3a





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This Week's Forecast

	H	igh	Low	Cond.
May 3	31	87	63	Showers
June	1	86	63	Cloudy
June	2	81	58	P. Cloudy
June	3	81	58	P. Cloudy
June	4	78	56	Sunny
June	5	77	54	Sunny
June	6	73	52	Sunny

Last Year, 2022 High Low Cond.

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May 31	$61^{\rm o}$	54	Cloudy
June 1	64	45	M. Sunny
June 2	70	48	Sunny
June 3	66	47	Sunny
June 4	74	53	Sunny
June 5	73	50	Sunny
June 6	71	52	M. Sunny

Average Temps: H = 74° Low = 52°

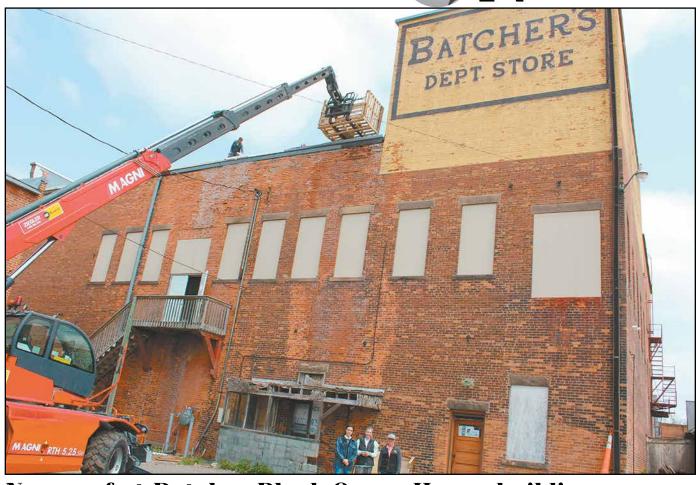
Compiled by Dale Hausmann. WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Villard: 10A ISD #2170 10A minutes May: **9A**

Obituaries

Thomas Bilek Charles Calhoun Lucille Claussen Marcella Gaugert Richard Read Steven Scott Robert Thorn



New roof at Batcher Block Opera House building

A new roof was recently installed at the Batcher Block Opera House in Staples, with work done by Contractor Jonas Borntreger, representing Conklin Roof, Verndale. Borntreger said the job entailed taking the old roof off before installing the new one. New windows are slated to be put in as well, said Colleen Frost, owner of the building. Restoring the opera house has been a dream of Frost's since she first purchased it in 2003. She's grateful for the help of others who've been contracted to work on this project as well, including Bryan Reese, with Reese Plumbing and Heating; Becker Construction; and Jeremy Reeck from Central Building Supply, all of Staples. Pictured, from left: Adam Frost (Colleen's son); Colleen Frost; and Jonas Borntreger. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Motley's city wide clean up

Prairie Sanitation and community volunteers helped out May 13, at the Motley city wide clean up. Motley residents had the opportunity to bring old appliances, sofas, scrap iron or garbage they wanted

Several employees, along with Long help hauling away to the city maintenance shop where several Motley employees were ready to assist in helping beautify their city. Pictured from left are Bryan Stevens, Jason Borash, Bruce Brotherton, Darci Odden and Sarah Lenzen. Not pic-

tured but present, Brenda Borash. (Submitted photo)



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Motley area law enforcement report

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

May 23 - Motley police issued citations for not wearing a seat belt to Trevor Brady, 39; Jennifer Ollom, 40; William Messerschmidt, 76; Edward Knighten, 78.

May 19 - Motley police issued a speeding citation to John Randash, 73.

May 23 - The MCSO received a call from Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples, reporting a dog bite that took place at the 29000 block of Golf Course Cir., Cushing.

May 22 - The MCSO received a report of a stolen canoe at the 3500 block of Pine View Blvd., Motley.

May 21 - Morrison County deputies responded to a grass fire at the 1900 block of 320th St., Cushing. It was discovered that the fire started from a pile of ashes that had been dumped the day before. Scandia Valley Fire Department contained the fire and the DNR Forestry responded for enforcement.

May 19 - The MCSO received a report of a suspicious person/vehicle at the 26000 block of Bear Rd., Cushing.



Lions donate to golf team

The Staples-Motley/Verndale Golf Team recently received a \$300 donation from the Staples Host Lions Club. Pictured, from left, are Lion President Steve Sing; Keller Anderson and Isaiah Schultz, team members; and Brad Anderson, coach. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Barn quilt signs for flower planters

As part of the Downtown Revitalization Project for the City of Staples, members of the Piecemakers Quilt Club and other volunteers painted barn quilt signs that will be placed in the large flower pots downtown. Above, Lisa Kajer holds up a finished sign with a butterfly design. Other painters, from left, are



Becky Lindgren, Lois Kneisl (mother of Staples-Motley High School art teacher Jill Schneider), Mary Noska, Ellen Nelson. Jude Vrdoljak (not seen) also helped paint signs. Funds for this project came from the Staples Host Lions Club and the Initiative Foundation (a regional community foundation). The signs were made at Old Highway 10 Apparel in Staples, which graciously offered a room for the volunteers to paint in. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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COUNTY continued from page 1a

Conditional use permits approved for facilities in Staples area, Todd County

additional access to the Todd County Fairgrounds for fair preparations starting the week of June 25-July 1. The county will also waive the additional rental fees. Utilities reimbursement will be provided by the Todd County Fair Board for this

additional time-frame.

· Approved an engineering agreement from Widseth for the Bridge 77501 Replacement Project at a cost of \$79,816.

 Approved the Clarissa Amish Cemetery Final Plat in Eagle Valley Township

with the following condi-

1. Applicant shall remain compliant with applicable local, state or federal regulations related to operation of the cemetery.

2. Declare a cemetery official and an alternate that

will be responsible for following state rules and provide contact information to the county to be recorded with the final plat.

3. Maintain a list of individuals buried and exact location within the ceme-

4. Cemetery plot must be completely fenced off with boundaries clearly identified. All burial sites must remain inside of the fenced

5. All future driveway accesses must be approved by the township.

 Approved a resolution for the Final Plat Approval - "Holst Acres 1st Addition".

• Approved the final plat of Finally Home in Staples Township with conditions.

 Approved a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for All Energy Solar for a Community Solar Energy System

in Burnhamville Township. This is a single panel set for personal use.

 Approved a CUP to establish a temporary bituminous facility in Round Prairie Township for Knife River.

· Approved a CUP to construct additional greenhouses for retail and wholesales in Staples Township for Barry Thoele with the following conditions:

 Approved a CUP for Wolf River Solar, a Community Solar Energy System in Staples Township.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1948

• May 27, 1948 - Rae Lorene Roberts is the valedictorian of the Motley High School; Elsie Hollister is salutatorian.

• May 27, 1948 - Little Barbara Gaugert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gaugert Jr., and a niece of Mrs. Ed Grossman, Moran-Germania correspondent for The World, underwent an operation at the University hospital Monday of this week.

Little Barbara had been ill for several months with

> Compiled by **Dawn Timbs**

a lung condition and her condition continued to be poor so she was taken to the University hospital for observation and operation treatment.

The physicians who operated found a small peanut lodged in her lung, and this had been causing all of the disturbance for the little girl. At the present time, she is getting along nicely and expects to be brought back to her home very soon.

• May 27, 1948 - W. D. Goble had a pleasant surprise May 19, when his cousin, Mrs. Grace Dourenbos of Cutbank, Montana, arrived to pay him a visit.

They had not seen each other for 45 years, and needless to say, the reunion was a

very happy one for both. • May 27, 1948 - A business deal was completed the first of this week in Staples, whereby Mrs. H. W. Sims purchased the stock and fixtures of Grace's Style Shop from Mrs. Robert Ousley, who several months ago had purchased the business

from Mrs. C. P. Daniels. • May 27, 1948 - This week The World is carrying the senior, and final edition of the Kardinal Kronicle for the 1947-48 school year, and The World staff "bids adieu" to a swell bunch of kids who have worked diligently during the past school year to produce a school paper which is a credit to these individuals as well as to the school and community.

Miss Patricia Jackson, editor of the Kardinal Kronicle, deserves the most credit for the paper. She has worked hard and put in many extra hours as editor of the paper. She will be attending St. Benedict's college at St. Jo this fall.

Miss Dorothy Sadusky, editor elect of the paper, will take over the reins of the Kardinal Kronicle next fall, and The World staff is looking forward with pleasure of having Miss Sadusky in the office on Wednesdays to proof read the "sheet."

50 YEARS Ago - 1973 • May 31, 1973 - The first four contestants to enter the Staples Jaycee sponsored Our Little Miss Pageant were named this week by the committee.

Entering the La Petite division of the pageant were Jill Tyrrell, six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tyrrell, sponsored by Perry's Ben Franklin; Patty Ann Martin, five, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Martin, sponsored by Minnesota All-Channel Cablevision; and Jennifer Lynn Cline, four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Cline, sponsored by Sunset Motel.

One contestant has entered the Our Little Miss division to date. She is Pamela Anderson, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Anderson. She will be sponsored by DJ's Men's

• May 31, 1973 - The football coaching position at Staples High school was filled last week, according to information released by William Uhrich, principal.

Named as head mentor of the Cardinals for the 1973 season was Myron Smith, presently on the coaching staff at Shanley High school in Fargo, N.D.

In addition to his football coaching position, Mr. Smith will be an instructor in the science department. When the Community Center is completed, he will become the swimming coach also.

J. Greenwood, 26, of Staples, was sentenced to an indeterminate term of up to 15 years in Stillwater State Prison last Thursday by District Judge Chester Rosengren on a charge of first degree manslaughter in connection with the death of a 55-year-old Little Falls man in late February of this

• May 31, 1973 - As the 1972-73 school term drew to a close last week, it marked the end of many years of service in the teaching profession for three members of the Staples Faculty and the beginning of their retirement.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1992. 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.

Retiring from their positions as instructors in the Staples Public School system were Mrs. Marion Stone, Mrs. Ada Roberts and Mrs. Clara Schmidt.

• May 31, 1973 - Tyrrells, Inc., 2nd Ave. West, Staples, has been appointed a regular dealer for the Swedish made Saab cars, according to W. Donald Carmack, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Saab-Scania of America, Inc., Imports and distributors of Saabs. The new Saab dealership is headed by Eugene Tyrrell, president and general man-

25 YEARS Ago - 1998

• May 28, 1998 - Have questions about the big 'Year 2000 Computer Challenge'? Don't know where to turn? One suggestion might be to contact Staples naive, Ray

Ray, valedictorian of the 1975 Staples High School Class, and a Summa Cum Laude graduate from St. Olaf College, was recently named '1998 Entrepreneur of the Year' by the Twin-West Chamber of Commerce. Denning is the owner of Denning Consulting and Training Service, Golden

• May 28, 1998 - The Staples Motley Cardinals are the Sub Section 24 track champions. The boys placed first at the sub section track meet May 21 at Wadena-Deer Creek by taking first place in nine of the 18 events. The top four individuals and top two relay teams advance to the Section 6 meet.

• May 28, 1998 - The Sta-

ples Motley High School girls golf team won the Sub Section golf title May 18 and also won the Section 6 title May 26, both at Fergus Falls. The girls will compete June 1 and 2 for the state title at St. Cloud's Country Club. Team members include Tiffany Peterson, Rachael Hofer, Mary Hasselberg, Becky Schornack, Dana Hassel-

10 Years Ago - 2013

berg and Melanie Wilson.

• May 30, 2013 - National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) of Staples has hired Dr. Chad Coauette of Alexandria as their executive director.

• May 30, 2013 - Christine (Vasecka) Howard, a former childhood resident of Motley, has published a book "Woman of the Heartland: Rural Upbringing, based on her mother Doris (McAllister) Vasecka's life from birth to engagement. She will host a book signing at the Stomping Grounds coffee shop in Staples June

• May 30, 2013 - The Staples Motley High School Class of 2013 honored Coni Hoffert as Support Staff of the Year and Kerry Lindgren as Teacher of the Year at an awards program May

• May 30, 2013 - David Rickert, Staples, has been painting full time since 1988. During the past 25 years, he has completed more than 560 paintings, and has won numerous local and national awards. Rickert owns 'David's Art Gallery' in Staples.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept.

May 15, Staples Police responded to a report of a suicidal individual attempting to run into traffic near the intersection of Hwy 10 and Cty Rd. 83. Police took the subject to Lakewood Health System (LHS) emergency room for an evalua-

May 16, Staples Police assisted the Wadena Police Dept. with a suicidal individual who was transported to the LHS emergency room. Police briefly stood by at the emergency room, then cleared from the scene.

May 16, Staples Police received a report of harassment by a neighbor. Police advised to apply for a restraining order if harass-

ment continues. May 16, Staples Police received a report of peacocks at large on the 1100 block of 6th St. NE.

May 17, Staples Police were contacted by a resident of a check forgery where over \$15,000 was taken out of an account. Police are investigating.

May 18, at 2:41 a.m., Staples Police heard loud music and multiple voices coming from the Boxcar Bar after hours. Officer spoke with the owner who stated they were cleaning

May 18, Staples Police received a report of a subject making suicidal threats on the 800 block of 4th St. NE. The subject was transported to LHS for a mental health evaluation.

May 18, Staples Police received a driving complaint on 4th St. NE in front of the Staples Elementary School at the crosswalk. A school bus had stopped in front of the crosswalk for a mother pushing a stroller and a toddler walking in the crosswalk. The school bus had his 4-way flashers on, when an approching black Chevy Silverado, single cab, short box passed on the right side of the school bus and crossed over the crosswalk as the mother and kids were were crossing the street in the crosswalk. The bus driver was unable to get a license plate. Police will be putting a photo of the pickup on Facebook to try and identify the driver. Investigation continues.

May 18, Staples police issued a citation to a juvenile for vape pen on school property and small amount of marijuana.

May 18, Staples Police received a report from a Todd County Sheriff's Deputy of a vehicle in the drainage ditch along 6th St. NE and Warner Rd. No injuries or or property damage. Vehicle was pulled out by Scott's Southtown.

May 19, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle with a window smashed while parked at CLC overnight. Police are checking with the college to see if they have anything on video.

May 19, Staples Police were dispatched to the area near the Cardinal Pines apartments on report of two peacocks. Police located the birds in the 200 block of Park Rd and advised Todd County dispatch that they were continuing eastbound.

May 19, Staples Police were dispatched to a driving complaint involving a vehicle being driven very erratically on Hwy 10. The suspect vehicle was travelling west towards Staples. Officers were able to intercept the vehicle near the intersection of Hwy 10 and 285th Ave. The primary officer activated their emergency lights and siren after observing the vehicle failing to maintain their lane in the roadway as well as posted speeds. The driver at that time did not stop. Police and a deputy from the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. began pursuit of the vehicle, until it was stopped near the intersection of Hwy 10 and 12th St. NW. The driver, Simbry Peterson of Brainerd, 31, was arrested for fleeing in a motor vehicle and driving

under the influence. May 20, Staples Police received a driving complaint of a motorcycle traveling well over 100 mph eastbound on Hwy 10 from Verndale. Police located the motorcycle and stopped it.

May 20, Staples Police received a report of a driving complaint at Warner Rd and 4th St. NE. A green minivan ran the 4-way stop and almost collided with another vehicle in the intersection. Vehicle continued eastbound on Warner Rd.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the May 17, 1973 edition of the Staples World featured young ladies who received their caps as Candy Stripers in a ceremony May 6, in the VFW Hall. To qualify for the honor, each of the girls was required to put in a minimum of 50 hours of service at the Staples United District Hospital. Placing the cap on Deborah Anderson is Joann Muus, president of the hospital Auxiliary. Other girls, from left, are: Karla Hill, Audrey Thompson, Mary Hegre, Debra Oltman, Lorene Haglin, Melissa Wallace, and Lori Johnson.

Deb (Manning) Fink of Staples recognized all of the Candy Stripers. She went on to mention that she worked with Debbie Anderson at United District Hospital in Staples (now called Lakewood Health System Hospital), which was located on Iowa Ave., across from Northern Pacific Park at that time. Judy Wolak of Staples corrected guessed the photo context, and identified Karla Hill, Mary Hegre, Lorene Haglin and Melissa Wallace. She also thought she recognized Carol Kozitka, Trina Heldman and Terri O'Keefe. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.





Letter to the Editor

FCC phone decision troubling for seniors

In Minnesota, I recently discovered that telecom companies were granted FCC approval last August to deregulate the shutdown of copper wire landline phone service (https:// www.fcc.gov/document/ fcc-grants-relief-outdated-burdensome-phone-industry-regulations).

Instead, they are allowed to substitute it with internet-based phone service. This ruling has profound implications for Staples most vulnerable population segments. If the Federal Government fails to champion their interests, it becomes incumbent upon the state Government to step forward and take action.

As outlined in the FCC Order, the cost-intensive maintenance of landline infrastructure impedes our progression toward the next generation of communication technology.

Explain this perplexing situation to my parents or the 740,000 seniors in Minnesota (https://www.communityphone.org/landline/ mn#landline-usage-statistics) who still rely heavily on landline service. My parents struggle to navigate their cell phones, and frequent disruptions plague the internet connection in their home. It is unfathomable to tether their primary mode of communication to such an unpredictable entity as their internet connection. not to mention the complete blackout of internet service

during power outages.

The FCC's decision places the profit margins of telecom giants above the needs of rural communities, elderly individuals, and regions with inadequate internet accessibility. It becomes the responsibility of the Minnesota state legislature to intercede and advocate on behalf of those most likely to be marginalized in this change for the "better"."

Chase Gallagher Staples, Minn.

Quote of the week

"Sometimes you've got to let everything go - purge yourself. If you are unhappy with anything... whatever is bringing you down, get rid of it. Because you'll find that when you're free, your true creativity, your true self comes out." — Tina Turner

Quote of the week

"Success is falling nine times and getting up ten." — Jon Bon Jovi

Key takeaways from study of rural newspapers

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

Part three of three

The practical question in front of rural papers today is how to cover large areas while being supported financially by a small customer base, especially in an environment of rising costs and an atmosphere of doom surrounding the industry. While journalism as an entity is alive and well, it's shifting to alternate—namely digital—platforms, making rural journalism's future touch and go. Here are some key points that came out of our research.

1: Don't write off small community newspapers

Although a large number of newspapers have either closed or merged into other news organizations, the demand and need are there. and new papers are still starting up. The old advertising-first business model is in dire straits as the pressure to move everything online continues, but remaining a physical product could be a competitive advantage for newspapers, "bringing people together in time and

When the Osakis Review's parent company, Forum Communications, shut that paper down during the pandemic, city officials approached Jason Brown at the Long Prairie Leader and asked him to apply to make the Leader the newspaper of record for the city. After what turned into some long conversations, Brown agreed, but he also decided to open a new paper, the Osakis Anchor. Eli Lutgens started the Waseca County Pioneer because he was unhappy with the incumbent paper in the county. The Rainy Lake Gazette was started by CherryRoad Media, a large multi-state media company, to replace the International Falls Journal (formerly Daily Journal) when it closed in June 2021.

People will buy and subscribe to papers they believe are offering quality content and serving their audience, publishers have said. Yes, some communities have simply become too small to support their own paper financially, but neighboring newspapers could cover them if their owners thought they could produce sufficient revenue to hire even one additional reporter, even part time. Even small investments could make a big difference, and therefore public and/or private grants could help local newspapers fill news voids that have been vacated by other papers or are being covered by ghost papers.

2: Don't expect digital to save the day

It's not just that the rural population tends to skew older, and older readers tend to like print. Pew Research in fact found in 2022 that 49% of Americans age 65 and older got their news at least sometimes from print newspapers. Howevr, 85% said they also got their news from television and 67% also reported using digital devices. When asked where they preferred to get their news from, though. only 11% of seniors said they preferred to get their news from print publications; 56% preferred to get it from television and 25% preferred digital devices.

That seems to go against the common narrative until we consider two things: First, rural newspapers are less likely to be online or to have sophisticated news web sites, largely because small rural newspapers are unlikely to have the money to invest in digital platforms and technical assistance and because rural communities are less likely to have the digital infrastructure of urban and suburban communities. Second, rural residents are less likely to have access to broadband, again because of a lack of digital infrastructure. Therefore, as Pew points out, for rural residents, it may not be a matter of what they are doing when they look for news, but what they can do.

Some entities are working on this. Wick Communications, the parent company of the Fergus Falls Journal, is currently testing its own proprietary social media platform called NABUR-Neighborhood Alliance for Better Understanding and Respect—where people can have conversations and discuss local issues in a safe, moderated setting. Part of its development is figuring out how to monetize it, said the Journal's publisher Ken Harty. "Smaller papers don't always have the money to invest in digital," he said.

On the philanthropic and venture capital side, Glen Nelson Center at American Public Media Group, parent organization of Minnesota Public Radio/American Public Media, awards grants and makes investments to media organizations through two programs. The Horizon Fund invests in for-profit media startups that "bridge diverse and disparate communities, share trustworthy information, promote civil discourse, and give audiences new tools to gain insight from others. The Next Challenge for Media and Journalism fund is a nationwide competition looking for both for-profit and non-profit startups with less than \$1 million in annual revenue that "will reinvent media in the coming

In the meantime, the discussion continues on how best to bring the news to "the digitally unconnected and the disengaged.'

3: Diversfied revenue streams

Revenue doesn't have to come from advertising alone. A recurring theme from the editors interviewed was that people will pay for "quality," an important point since nationwide, subscriptions now account for more newspaper revenue than advertising, according to Pew Research. Especially, as the commercial makeup of rural Main Street continues to change, newspapers have to be willing to look for revenue sources beyond advertising. Organizing sponsored events is an option being used by the Fergus Falls Journal, says Harty: Athlete of the Week, the Golden Loon Awards for high school art students, and Yard of the Week are just some of the events organized by the Journal and sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

Operating as a 501(c)3 nonprofit opens up the possibilities of donations that are tax-deductible for the donor. MinnPost was one of the first nonprofit news organizations, and what they learned early on was 'the importance of having a diverse revenue stream, said Tanner Curl, MinnPost executive director. Minn-Post earns revenue from advertising, sponsorships, and grants, but individual gifts—donations—are the most significant, making up about two thirds of their annual revenue, he said.

Funding for nonprofits is more difficult to come by in rural areas, however. Abernathy asked in her 2022 State of Local News report, "Even though philanthropic organizations have significantly increased support of local news in recent years, most of the funds are currently being dispensed in the media-rich, urban areas[24]." The Minnesota Council on Foundations' 2021 report on philanthropic giving in Minnesota backs up this assertion: while 49% of philanthronic giving by nesota-based foundations went to the Twin Cities area and 41% went outside of Minnesota, just 8.6% went to Greater Minnesota[25]. With this kind of a situation, "how can for-profit and nonprofit funding be reallocated to support the revival of local news in media-poor communities[26]?" Abernathy

4: Finding staff

As discussed earlier, finding and retaining reporters and other staff is one of the biggest problems holding back enterprising newspapers. One advantage that small community newspapers may have, though, is that their reporters and other staff don't need degrees or other formal credentials—they can be trained on the job, and would-be reporters don't necessarily have to give up their day job. Jason Brown at the Long Prairie Leader said he can't afford a full-time reporter at \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year plus henefits but he has built a reliable staff of part-time freelancers and volunteers who work their day jobs, then cover meetings and sports in their off hours. It's about finding the right people, says Brown. "If they're willing to work, I'm willing to train them and support them to be successful.

One possibility for getting over this hurdle for rural newspapers could be an intentional commitment to developing online courses that teach people in the community how to be reporters, ad sales people, and newspaper managers.

The Minnesota Newspaper Association's nonprofit arm, Minnesota News Media Institute (MNI), has already started in this direction by partnering with Bethel University to offer Citizen Journalist University, a training course for people who would like to be community journalists. The program involves a mixture of working and retired journalists, publishers, and editors, covering basic journalism practices, style, and ethics, sports reporting. how you determine what goes on the front page. MNI newspapers with the cost of hiring interns.

5: Government involvement

Government has supported newspapers for decades by paying to have city council meeting minutes, court notices and other legal notices published in what is called the "newspaper of record" or "official newspaper" for that jurisdiction. Legal notices are usually a small but steady stream of income for papers.

In recent years, however, bills have been introduced at the federal level and state level around the country aimed at helping maintain the health of local newspa-

In Washington State, for example, legislation was proposed that would eliminate the business and occupation tax on local newspapers and digital-only news outlets. As proposed, newspaper publishers, along with online outlets with two to fifty employees would be eligible. The break would expire in 2035[27].

Two bills being considered in Congress are taking two very different paths in their attempts to help newspapers with revenue:

Sen. Bill 673, Journalism Competition and

Preservation Act of 2022 Sponsored by U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, the bill has bipartisan co-sponsors, including Sens. Lindsey Graham and Cory Booker. The central feature of the bill gives newspaper outlets a temporary exemption from federal antitrust laws to allow them to work together to collectively bargain with the large social media companies for compensation for the news content those companies present on their platforms. Google and Meta (Facebook) are opposed to the bill, saying that the exposure they give newspapers by bringing their content up in search results is adequate compensation[28] The latest version of the bill is making its way through the U.S. Senate. The bill specifies "eligible providers" as news outlets with fewer than 1,500 full-time employees.

• H.R. 3940, Local Journalism Sustainability Act

This bipartisan bill would allow individuals and businesses to claim tax credits (up to \$250) for subscriptions they purchase to local newspapers and media, while qualifying small businesses would be allowed tax credits for the cost ads purchased and placed in local newspapers and media. The bill would also give local newspaper employers a payroll tax credit for wages paid to employees working as local journalists.

"All this points to a need for new policies to address the gap" in revenue, says Abernathy in her 2022 report. Besides considering tax credits, states are also forming bipartisan task forces to identify communities at risk of losing their local news sources and to brainstorm policies and funding avenues that would help preserve papers in communities[29].

"The challenge will be etting public fund the communities and news organizations that need it most," says Abernathy.

The future of rural newspapers

By the time the St. Cloud Times' last reporter left, Fargo-based Forum Communications had launched St. Cloud Live, an online news outlet. It's now staffed by, among others, Abdulla Gaafarelkhalifa.

While the principle of news reporting stays the same, the business side is in the middle of a massive transition caused by the massive shifts in culture, including of course the Internet. Can newspapers survive this transition? The health of rural communities says they need to. Abernathy condenses the problem of disappearing newspapers into one sentence: "Without a coordinated and targeted response among individuals, organizations and institutions, the nation faces the prospect of local news being available only in affluent communities, where residents can afford to pay for

But so far, even after two decades, the response has not been coordinated or targeted, and no blanket solution has been found that cracks the revenue nut. Meanwhile, small rural newspapers continue to disappear or get absorbed by larger chains or simply struggle to get the news covered with fewer people. As with most rural issues, the solution probably won't come in one grand initiative but perhaps in the cooperative efforts of state and local, public and private. How do we develop and support these efforts so that the news people need continues to flow? What is not an option is to sit back and do nothing. As Ken Harty pointed out, "If you do nothing, you're not going to make it.'

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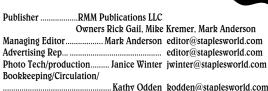
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Lions donate to SHS

The Staples Historical Society (SHS) recently received a \$250 donation from the Staples Host Lions Club. Pictured, from left, are Sally Gorton, SHS Vice-President; Lion President Steve Sing; and Tom Kajer, SHS President. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

SHS Class of 1983 to hold 40th reunion

The Staples High School Class of 1983 will hold its 40 vear reunion Friday Aug. 18, at Becks Burger Co. in Staples, beginning at 6 p.m.

For more information and to RSVP, email classof-83staplesmn@gmail.com. Becks Burger Co. is located at 119 3rd St. NE, Staples.

Library kicks off summer reading program

Great River Regional Library

Get ready to find your voice this summer with Great River Regional Library's 2023 Summer Reading Program.

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) will kick off the annual Summer Reading Program (SRP) on Mon., June 5, continuing through Sat., August 5.

Registration begins on Mon., June 5, in the Beanstack app, on griver.beanstack.org, or by visiting your local library during open hours. Participants track their reading in the Beanstack app or using a paper slip, which they return to their library. Participants are eligible for prize drawings at the end of the program. In addition, each branch offers a unique assortment of prizes.

This year's theme, "Find Your Voice!" encourages kids to use their voices and realize their voices have power. We will share stories, express ourselves, and spark change by not only the words we say but also what words we write, the art we create, the movements we perform and the actions we take each day to impact our world. The program is open to all children ages 0 to 18 and divided by age: pre-readers (ages 0 to 3), children (ages 3 to 12) and

Our mission of the reading program is simple: Encourage children and teens to read throughout the sum-

Summer reading isn't just fun; it's extremely beneficial. Regular reading goes

far in combating the "summer slide," the phenomenon of students losing academic footing during a long academic break. Students who join public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who didn't participate - in some cases, significantly

higher. This program wouldn't be possible without our generous sponsors: Bernatello's Foods, Central Minnesota Optimist Club, EZBuy Bins, Jim's Auto Service, Kiwanis Club of St. Cloud, Kwik Trip, Infinite Eye Care, St. Cloud Friends of the Library, St. Cloud Industrial Products, St. Cloud Moose Club #1400, and St. Michael-Albertville Women of Today for sponsoring the 2023 Summer Reading Pro-

Visit your local library to learn more about how your children can get involved this summer. See your library's hours at griver.org/ locations. Visit the library's website for program details at www.griver.org/kids/ summer-reading-program.

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) provides library services at 32 public libraries and one to-go system in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright counties. GRRL-2GO is a locker system that allows you to pick up items at the Sartell Community Center. GRRL supplies the residents of Central Minnesota with nearly one million books, CDs and DVDs, 250 public computers, programming, and information ser-



Lions donate to field trip

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$2,320 to Staples-Motley Middle School, to go toward the 5th grade field trip to St. Paul May 17. The students had the opportunity to see the State Capitol and the Science Museum. Pictured, from left: Lion President Steve Sing; and students Odin Davis, Alex Tkalcich, Kade Potter, Lydia Tkalcich, Maxx Carlson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples locations featured in new book

Come for the root beer floats, stay for the adventure

Two sites in Staples are featured in Julie Jo Larson's new book "100 Things To Do in Minnesota Before You Die.'

Larson will be speaking at the Staples Public Library at 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 6. She will share how the book was made and how the sites were chosen. The event is free and so are the root beer floats courtesy of the Friends of the Staples Public Library.

Living Legacy Gardens and Barn Quilts of Central Minnesota are just two of the locations Larson discovered in her weekend explorations in Minnesota searching for unique people, places and events.

'100 Things To Do in Minnesota Before You Die" is a compilation of diverse activities from all corners of the state. Activities cover the historical, culinary, commercial, recreational and lots more. While not everything in the book is of special interest to her, the author tried to achieve a balance that could offer something for everyone. She looked for the unusual.

Larson encourages people to use the book "as a bucket list, guidebook or cure for cabin fever" and 'experience great adventures where the journey is as meaningful as the destination.'

Larson is a writer, storycatcher, public speaker and licensed social worker. Her own wanderlust led her to share her penchant for her region with the world. When not advising college students, she can be found on the trail with a walking

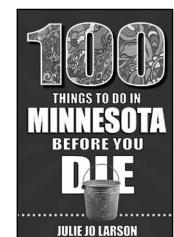
stick in hand and worn mukluks on her feet.

In 2014 she formed the MsStorians, a women's history group that explores abandoned cemeteries, century-old buildings and vanishing communities. Over two dozen MsStorian Adventures have appeared in the Lake Country Journal and other Northwoods pub-

Larson's first book is about "100 Things To Do in Minnesota Northwoods Before You Die."

Larson lives in rural Brainerd with her family, three pets and a flock of chickens. Visit her website at juliejolarson.com

Copies of the book will be available for sale and the author will sign copies.



New book

Author Julie Jo Larson will speak at the Staples Public Library June 6. and will have copies of her book which highlights two Staples locations.

School Board meeting June 5

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet, Monday, June 5, 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:

-Operating Referendum Levy Board Approved Renewal discussion; public comment

-Approve the Resoluation Relating to Renewal of an Expiring Referendum

-Approve the hire of Melissa Wright, School Rediness Teacher Upcoming schedule:

Mon., June 19: Regular Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.; District Office Mon., July 3 - Fri., July

7, ALL SCHOOL OFFICES **CLOSED** Mon., July 24: Regular

Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.; District Office.

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June 1

'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

June 2

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.

June 5

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

June 6

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 e first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-

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.

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June 7

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUP-PORT GROUP offered by Lakewood Health System of Staples, meets the first Wednesday of the month, 11

a.m. - noon, in the Burlington room, located through Door C at Lakewood's Senior Campus (401 Prairie Ave. NE), Staples. For info., 218-894-8851 or 218-894-8067.

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9:30 a.m. AUCTION PILLAGER, MN **Saturday, June 10**

LOCATED: 9180 Cty. Rd. 1 SW, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472. North of Pillager 10 miles on Cty. Rd. 1. NOTE: Preview on Friday, June 9, 2-6 p.m.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS & MORE: "97" Blue Bird 30' transit bus; "89" Ford 1 ton dump truck; 500 gal. Fuel tank on trl; (25+) carpentry & construction floor equip.; 100's of pwr. & hand tools; (13) FG ladders; (15) asst. beams; planks & lumber; generators; lg. vertical air comp. & others; Quicktach HM trencher & ground ripper; JD riding mower & trimmers. SPORTING: (2) KTM snowbikes, used out west; firearms & ammo.; "94" Kawasaki Jet Ski & 3 place trailer; Youth ATV snowmobile, dirt go-cart, batt. op. ATV's, skateboard ramps & more! HOUSEHOLD & COLLECTIBLES: La. sec. sofa & 7' crafted wood tbl. w/8 chairs; K.Aid mixer & SS stand; twin, bunk & king beds; lg. vert. freezer; (4) flat screens; dressers & chests; CI tractor seat stools; 10,000 sq. ft. comm. bldg. w/attached 4 bdrm., 3 bath home on 10 acres. OVER 100 PHOTOS & FULL DESCRIPTIONS AT: WWW.midwestauctions.com/mohs

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DEADLINE: 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 31st, 2023 To apply visit www.co.stevens.mn.us under Employment Opportunities. ADA accommodations available. Stevens County is an EOE.



Steven Scott

A Celebration of Life bonfire in memory of Steven Scott, formerly of Staples, will be held Sat., June 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 1894 Restaurant, 150 6th Ave. SW, Perham. Info. call or text Becky, 218-255-3993. Steven passed away

March 3, 2023.

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Charles Calhoun

A Celebration of Life will be held for Charles (Chuck) Calhoun at the Elks Park in Hutchinson, 1100 Sherwood St. SE. The service will be held from 11 a.m. until?

Cards may be sent to: Ms. June Dawson, 448 California St. NW Trlr 31, Hutchinson. MN 55350-1531.

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Staples

Staples Alliance

Pastor Zach Jones

Sunday Worship...

Assembly of God

914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples ...

Small Groups (Bible classes

Morning Worship Service.......... 10:3 Children's Church (Kids start in main

Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade)

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

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

First Congregational Church,

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Fellowship, refreshments following service

430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546

. Áfter school to 5:30 p.m

..218-894-2609

10:30 a.m.

...9:30 a.m

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..218-894-2296

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..8:30 a.m.

.9:30 am.

..10:45 a.m.

.. 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

WEDNESDAY

AWANA

Pastor Roy Miles

for all ages)

WFDNFSDAY

worship service)

Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples.....

Sunday Worship.....

firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com

Pastor Barry Klein

Facebook Live

Worship.

Faith Lutheran

Pastor Chris Mathiason Sunday Worship Service

Sacred Heart Church

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz

Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples

Thomastown Covenant

5940 251st Ave., Staples......218-894-3923

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH6:30 p.m.

Coffee Fellowship...

Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn

218-894-0033

Saturday Worship

Pastor Scott Jorgenson Sunday Worship......

Thursday and Friday..

Church.

Pastor Carl Larson

1512 8th St. NE, Staples

Lucille Claussen

Lucille (Lucy) Rose Claussen, 2, of Brainerd, passed away May 23, 2023, with her family by her side. Services were held May

29 at Heritage Assembly of God Church, Baxter.

Lucy was born June 4, 2020, to Jacob and Abigail (Plemel) Claussen in Minneapolis.

Lucy offered the world her unconditional love. She taught us to stop and smell the flowers and brought joy to us all. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Lucy is survived by her loving parents, Jacob and Abigail; grandparents, Shane and Tracy Plemel of Brainerd, Jonathan and Amy Claussen of Staples; great-grandparents, Robert and Sheila Plemel of Baxter, Robert and Barb Brinkman of St. Joseph, Duane and

Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St., NE, Staples .

Sunday Divine Service ..

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples

Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich

Sunday Worship

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Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN 320-749-2140

www.bethanylutherancushing.org

of each month

Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad

Lincoln Evangelical Free

Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown

Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad

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Pastor Chris Mathiason

Sunday Worship

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SUNDAY

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Family Night.

Pastor Dan Holmes.

Sunday School

WEDNESDAY

Leader

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26298 Bear Rd., Cushing

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of Word and Sacrament

Maple Hill Lutheran

of Word and Sacrament

Worship and Sunday School

Sunday Worship

January - July

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Cushing

Aldrich

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

(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Rev. Robin Collins

218-894-2891

...11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

..9:30 a.m

.. 11 a.m

... 10:30 a.m.

218-894-1081



Deb Fischer of Cold Spring, Larry and Wilma Rich of Staples and Donald and Heather Claussen of Rosemount; 15 aunts and uncles and one cousin.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Baxter.

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..218-894-2248

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

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..218-397-2470

..1st and 2nd Sunday

.9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley 56466.

WEDNESDAY

33 Wellwood St. E

Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor

Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor

St. John's Lutheran 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley..... Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler

Sunday Worship......

1st St. and Birch, Motley

United Methodist

Monday AA meeting.

Oylen Alliance

Sunday School

Pillager

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Sunday School

Pastor Dan Johnson

Sunday School .

Sunday Worship.

First Baptist

Pastor Jake Anderson

curious@fbcpillager.com

Worship Gathering .

Connection Point.

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903 River Street South, Pillager

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

Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor

WEDNESDAY PRAYER

WEDNESDAY ...

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Hewitt

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N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz

Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn

St. Michael

Tuesday.

Saturday

Oylen

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

Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.

847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie

www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service......10:00 a.m.

Motley Free Methodist

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Obituaries

Marcella Gaugert

The funeral service celebrating the life of Marcella "Marcy" Gaugert of rural Staples, was held May 23, 2023 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township (rural Bertha) with Pastor Robin Fish and Pastor Jerry Goetz presid-

Marcy, age 100 years and six months, passed away May 11, 2023, in Las Vegas, NV, under the loving care of her daughter, Diana Lin

Burial was in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Bartlett Township, Verndale.

Marcy Reichel was born to Joseph and Mildred (Bean) Reichel on November 17, 1922, on the family homestead near Staples, Todd County, Minn. She

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Sunday Worship.

Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN

Pastor Kenneth Uhren

Sunday Services ..

Sunday School .

Verndale

Sunday Worship....

Pastor Amos Self

Youth Prayer.

WEDNESDAY

Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday Worship..

Sunday School WEDNESDAY

Family Night.

Sunday Worship WEDNESDAY

Pastor Jill Pawlowski

Sunday Worship.

Sunday Service ..

WEDNESDAY

Seeds of Hope.

Sunday Service

218-445-5619

524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish

United Methodist Church

Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481

Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries

402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com

Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor

Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses

Family Life Church

Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor

Hope Chapel Alliance

Immanuel Lutheran Church

of Bartlett Township (LCMS)

Verndale United Methodist

Central United Methodist 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690

17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish

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

Worship Service

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'Bob" Gaugert, Jr., at that church on June 28, 1945. It was in this community that she lived her faith in Jesus, our Savior.

Marcy's greatest joys were teaching K-12 and Special Ed students. She graduated magna cum laude from Bemidji State College in 1973.

She was an avid reader, gardener, coach and teacher. Marcy joined Fawn Creek Garden Club, studied and became a certified MN Horticulture judge for garden club shows, county fairs and the Minnesota State Fair. Her motto was "Grow to Show". When not judging, she entered specimens and arrangements both locally, domestically and internationally winning many top ribbons. She also trained future flower show judges. "Marcy's Meandering" was created to communicate growing, showing and arranging techniques to gardeners and to edu-

careers. Marcy received the MN Horticulture Lifetime Achievement Award. She retired from teaching at the age of 85.

Surviving Marcy are five loving children: Barbara Ann Brelje, Sharon (Mark) Jean Yoder, Alan (BJ) Robert Gaugert, Diana Lin Guelker and Larry Roger Gaugert; along with grandchildren: Susan (Darrell) Vlynn Zerwas, Nichole Lin Benson, Christopher (Cindie) Thomas Brelje, Melissa Anna Gaugert, Roberta (Ryan) Joan Parker, Elizabeth Christine Gaugert, Adelaide Danielle Yoder, Mackenzie Leigh Yoder, Nicholas Robert Gaugert; great-grandchildren, Emilia Hope Seery, Sierra Faith Seery, Evangeline Icolene Benson, Zaccheus Priest Benson, Josiah Robert Parker, Daniel Alan Parker, Nathan Ryan Parker and Theodore Roger Gaugert.

Preceding Marcy in death were her husband of 70 years, Robert (2015); parents, Joseph and Mildred and brothers, Joe and Roger Reichel.

Serving as casket bearers were Jon Rohloff, Bill Nokes. Terry Guelker, Gene Robben, Jim Reichel and Phil Jasmer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch (www.calfarley.org) or Southwest Indian Foundation (https://www.southwestindian.com).

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

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Robert Thorn, Jr.

Robert (Bobby) E. Thorn, lunch time when not weld-Jr., of Motley passed away April 18, 2023.

Services will be held Saturday. June 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Motley.

Robert was born March 11, 1953 to Robert and Mable Thorn in Alexandria.

Bob graduated from Motley High School in 1972. While there he played football, basketball and baseball. He married Rebecca Tessier.

He worked for the University of Minnesota Arboretum for over 30 years. For holiday celebrations at the arboretum like Halloween he would dress up as different characters and also play Santa at Christmas. His joy was playing Santa Claus, listening to the children and having his picture taken with the pets. He enjoyed a good cribbage game at

ing at work. Bob enjoyed fishing trips with his buddies - cousin Gene and Tom "Taco" Kramer - longtime friend as well as many other friends. Bob is survived by one

son, Andrew; one daughter Paloma Johnson; three granddaughters, Britney, Madison, Kaitlyn; two sisters, Gayle (Bruce) Quinn and twin sister. Robin Kramer: one brother. Garv (Peggie) Thorn and good friend, Janet Shelton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Becky; one sister, Bobette Pedersen and one brother-in-law, Tom Kramer.

Remember: "Every day I wake up is a good day; be positive and kind." -- Robert Thorn, Jr.

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The Serious Freedom of Owning Nothing Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Have you taken inventory recently of your possessions and financial portfolio? Have you ever processed the experience of the downside of the old adage: "Be careful of what you own because it may soon own

Before we go any further, let's be clear that according to Genesis 1, EVERYTHING God made was good. The description even gets better. After the six creation days, "God saw all he had made, and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31 NIV). (Notice the word "very.")

After our long winter, we are having an extra appreciation of the beauty of God's good creation as the birds sing, the plant buds and flowers are bursting

But we need to ask ourselves: "How is our caretaking" of all that belongs to God? The earth is not an end unto itself, but it is among the tremendously generous gifts that God has given and continues to give to us. We gain our sustenance from, enjoying AND taking care of it.

A life-giving perspective continues to flow from Psalm 24:1 when we hear, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it: the world and all who live in it." That's a strong call for us to humbly and gratefully use all that God entrusts to and loans to us in careful ways, including people.

I have a mentor friend that passed on to me that great word picture of being a person who holds life in our open hands (in contrast to clenched hands). It is

the idea of living a receptive life that sees everything as a gift coming from God. It's a non-demanding way to live. It's a trusting way to live. All of this can also be summed up in another verse

that comes in the form of a question In I Corinthians 4:7, the apostle Paul asks, "What do you have that you have not received?" Now the Bible is clear that we are not to sit back in laziness. Again, back in Genesis 1:28, we have the call to all of us to be "Fruitful and multiply... caring for the earth." But at no point do we ever "own" anything.

Hopefully, we live with the life attitude that we want to take better care of something that belongs to someone else than we would if it was exclusively our own. God is the ultimate SOMEONE ELSE.

Let's wake up each day, ready to engage the moment and universe that all belongs to God. Rest in the reality and assurance of His total ownership.

Let's always remember that God's greatest gift is His Son Jesus. We hear this in Romans 8:32, "(God) who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up (on the cross) for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, Graciously give us all things?" I hope you have put your personal trust in the Generous Giver. If not, please hear His invitation for you today to receive His most costly gift to you, Jesus in Your life, Who took your place and mine almost 2,000 years ago to pay the price for each of our sins.

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Thomas Bilek Thomas Frank Bilek,

83, passed away as a result of cancer on his farm in Aldrich surrounded by his family on May 22, 2023. Tom served as a St. Paul Firefighter from 1964 to 1991 and pursued a second career in organic agriculture in Aldrich.

Services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples on June 2, 2023. For full obituary and details: Brenny.com

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Richard Read



Richard P. "Dick" Read May 28, 1933 -January 5, 2023

A Celebration of Life for Dick will be held Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 1 to 4:00 p.m. at the Timbers Event Center, 1220 2nd Ave. NE in Staples. All family and friends are welcome and encouraged to share their experiences and memories

of Dick at this time. w23x-24c A00006B2023MY31JU07



Safe at home plate

Kris Taylor beats the throw to the plate after a single by Luke Bjerga to tie the score in the 6th inning against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on May 25. The play came after Alex Schultz hit a double and Justin Phillippi knocked him home. The Cardinals loaded the bases in the 9th and

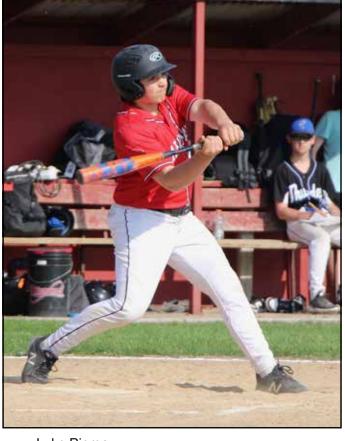
10th inning but couldn't get the hit needed to score, before falling 7-6 in the 11th inning. Jack Carlson and Hayden Rutherford pitched for the Cardinals. Colbe Tappe scored three runs. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



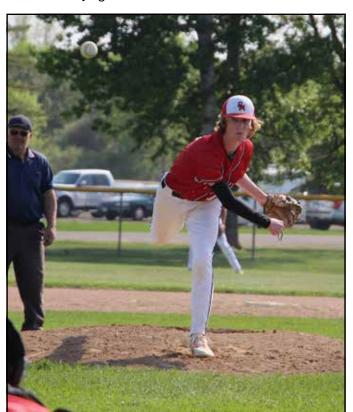
Busy scoreboard

After 11 innings, the lone run scored in the last four innings had to be put onto the 10th inning slot on the new scoreboard at Jerry Riewer Field, the Staples-Motley High School varsity field. The

pitch count dislplay is a new feature. The numbers shown are the count of the relief pitchers, after the starters for both teams reached their maximum allowed of 105 pitches.



Luke Bjerga



Softball playoffs

round of the playoffs at Pequot Lakes on May 22.

Golf teams

playing well

The Staples-Motley softball team lost 15-0 in the first

Havden Rutherford

Defensive gems

Staples-Motley outfielders Haiden Rychner, above. and Alex Schultz, right, run to catch up with fly balls in the game against Long Prairie.

Track teams compete at subsection meet

The Staples-Motley track and field teams advanced athletes in 33 events at the subsection 22 track and field meet held at Sebeka on May 25. The section meet will be Thursday, June 1, at Pelican Rapids.

The top six finishers in indivual events advance to the section meet, plus those who make it based on performance marks. The top three relays make it automically, plus time qualifiers.

The Staples-Motley girls team had seven individuals advance by placing in the top six, plus the winning 4x800 relay team. Girls who advanced based on performance include Jayce Kobliska in both hurdle races and the 4x400 relay team.

The boys team has 18 individual event qualifiers by placing in the top six, plus Dillan Robben as a time qualifier in the 3,200 and Conner Kuhns in the pole vault. The 4x100 and 4x800 relays will also compete at the section meet. Elijah Blue was two hundredths of

a second from advancing in the 100 and Odin Trif was five hundredths away from advancing in the 1,600.

Boys results

Section 6A, Subsection 22 Perham 116, Staples-Motley 95. Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 89, Browerville 66, Frazee 55, Wadena-Deer Creek 42, Pillager 37, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 37, United North Central 12, Pine River-Backus 8

100 - 1. Austin Weite 11.58. 4. Remington Converse 11.89, 9. Elijah Blue 12.55

200 - 2. Converse 23.95, 3. Weite 23.99, 17. Dakota Hennagir 26.45

400 - 7. Blake Neelan 58.71, 11. Ramiro Gallardo 59.32 800 - 6. Logan Robben 2:08.

11. Ivan Lozano 2:21, 17. Israel Ritter 2:39

1,600 - 9. Odin Trif 5:23, 16. Blaine Plattner 5:40

3,200 - 6. Issiah Tabatt 10:39, 8. Dillan Robben 11:23 110 hurdles - 5. Noah Larson

18.16, 10. Gavin Chenowith 20.41 300 hurdles - 9. Larson 48.62, 16. Gallardo 54.50, 18. Chenoweth 56.95

4x100 relay - 2. (Weite, Avandre Brandt, Hunter Miller, Con-

4x200 - 6. (Benet Robinson,

Josiah Critten, Neelan, Sawyer Ferdon) 1:40

4x400 - 6. (Robinson, Gallardo, Ferdon, L. Robben) 3:57 4x800 - 3. (Trif, D. Robben, Tabatt, Robben) 9:03

High jump - 2. Miller 5'10", 3. Brandt 5'10", 10. Hennagir 5'4" Pole vault - 4. Turner Beachy 10'9", 7. Conner Kuhns 10'6", 14. Ryan Neelan 7'3"

Long jump - 3. Critten 19'1", 6. Robinson 17'8", 21. Chenoweth 14'10" Triple jump - 3. Ferdon

38'10", 6. Brandt 36'11", 13. Chenoweth 31'8" Shot put - 1. Steven Petrich 39'9", 5. Drake Dukowitz 36'10",

20. Dustin Converse 29'9' Discus - 5. Petrich 97'0", 6.

Dukowitz 96'5", 17. Converse

Girls results

Section 6A, Subsection 22 Perham 148, Frazee 76, Wadena-Deer Creek 74, Pillager 66, Staples-Motley 53, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 34, United North Central 32, Browerville 22, Pine River-Backus 19, New York Mills 19, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 15

100 - 12. Corinne Olson 14.27, 24. Kana Reese 15.53

200 - 20. Abby Brichacek 31.93, 22. Reese 32.36, 29. Leah Greenwaldt 36.21

400 - 3. Sophie Schlosser 1:03, 20. Greenwaldt 1:21 800 - 2. Ashley Robben 2:27 1,600 - 13. Suhaila Mikhaeil

6:24, 16. Addisyn Cichos 6:49 3,200 - 1. Audrey Brownell 11:28, 2. Kyanna Burton 11:31, 6. Bella Hines 12:32

100 hurdles - 10. Jayce Kobliska 18.68, 11. Bailey Weiland 18.89, 16. Brichacek 20.85 300 hurdles - 7. Kobliska

51.68 4x100 relay - 8. (Isabel Cole, Ronnie Noska, Avery Japke,

Olson) 56.47 4x200 - 5. (Cole, Noska, Japke, Olson) 2:02

4x400 - 4. (Aften Robinson, Kobliska, Schlosser, Robben) 4x800 - 1. (Robinson, Robben,

Burton, Brownell)

Anderson 60'8'

Schlosser 4'2 Pole vault - 5. Jorja Kobliska

High jump 14. Japke 4'4", 17.

Long Jump - 12. Weiland 12'6", 22. Reese 10'7'

Triple jump - 14. Cole 30'1", 15. Noska 38'11", 21. Jo. Kobliska 24'7"

Shot put - 5. Camden Anderson 30'11", 18. Weiland 25'2" Discus - 12. Annie Schlosser 71'10", 21. Weiland 61'11", 23.

Carter White parred the course to place first. Peyton Mithun scored two birdies and had eight pars, while Cyril Johnson had one birdie in his first varsity round.

The Staples-Motley boys

golf team was just two

strokes from winning the

Little Falls meet on May 22.

A partial boys team played another meet on May 25. Thomas Johnson had five pars in his varsity round there.

The girls team played at Detroit Lakes on May 23. Walker Johnson had a great round, shooting 90 for 18 holes.

Team results

Little Falls 314. Staples-Mot-

Eagles Invite at Little

ley 316, Pequot Lakes 322, Foley 332, Melrose 349, Milaca 350, Pierz 353, Sauk Centre 355, Zimmerman 358, Wadena-Deer Creek 359

1. Carter White 72, 9. Peyton Mithun 79, 18. Isaiah Schultz 82, 19. Keller Anderson 83, 19. Jackson White 83, 50. Cyril Johnson

Cuyuna Rolling Hills Centennial Invitational

4. Carter White 79, 12. Jackson White 87, 20. Thomas John-

Girls results Pine to Palm meet at **Detroit Lakes**

Detroit Lakes 312, Pequot Lakes 331, Moorhead 347, Bemidji 380, Grand Rapids 383, Staples-Motley 400

10. Mallory Uselman 86, 14. Walker Johnson 90, 35. Katelyn Schotzko 106, 40. Sarah Kroll



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Staples Fire Depart. is hiring paid, on-call firefighters.

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Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. For questions contact Chief Cole Yungbauer cyungbauer@ci.staples.mn.us

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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



MAY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPORVEMENTS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TIME AND PLACE

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of May Township, Minnesota, will meet in the May Township Town Hall, on the

3rd day of June, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., to consider the construction of the following improvements: paving of said

NATURE OF IMPROVEMENT:

The paving of town road.

ESTIMATED COST

The total estimated cost of said improvement is \$78,759.50

AREA PROPOSED TO BE ASSESSED

The area proposed to be assessed consists of every lot, piece or parcel of land benefited by said improvement, which is as follows: All lots abutting 124TH Street SW and other streets affected as set forth in the feasibility study now on file at the Town Hall.

AUTHORITY

The Council proposes to proceed under the authority granted by Chapter 429 M.S.A.

Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvements will be heard at this meeting. Written or oral objections will be considered.

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Staples Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD **MEETING #19** April 17, 2023, 6 p.m. **District Office**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Winkels at 6:00 p.m. with Anderson, Reese, Winkels, Trout, Reeck and Wright present. Also attending: Supt. Tappe, Principals Berg and Ferdon, AD Lee, Williams representing ICS, a handful of staff, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson and Recording Secretary Walz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Trout, seconded by Wright to adopt the agenda. MC

Recognize the Public -Winkels recognized the public in attendance.

School/Community Forum -

None

Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes from the March 20 Board Meeting and April 3 Special Board Meeting

Approve the Fundraiser request from SM Track Boosters

Approve the Fundraiser request from SM Baseball/ Diamond Club

Approve the 2023 - 2024 contract for Kelsie Tyrrell; EBD Elementary Teacher BA (Kelsie holds a Tier 1 license, so re-posting is required)

Approve the 2023-2024 contract for Erin Judd; MS/ HS Special Ed teacher BA15 (Erin holds a Tier 1 license, so re-posting is required)

Approve the 2023-2024 contract for Tina Mitts; FACS / Child Development teacher BA (Tina holds a Tier 2 license, so re-posting is required)

Approve the Family Medical leave for Kaylee Pratt Sept 13 - Nov. 1st.

Accept the resignation of Ginger Stiner, Kindergarten Teacher (end of 2022/23 school year)

Accept the resignation of Loren Walz, Marketing & Communications Director (Effective May 31, 2023)

Approve the hire of: Holton Truax, DAPE/ PE/HEALTH Teacher -2023/24 School year

Bart Graves, CTE/AG Teacher - 2023/24 School

Jaysa Saumer, Elementary Music Teacher - 2023/24 School year

Cade Bestland, MS/HS Choir Teacher - 2023/24

School year Selket Jewett, MS/HS English Teacher - 2023/24 School year

Acknowledge the Certified Group intent to negoti-

Approve the 2023-2024 Transportation Contract with Greig's Bus service.

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson, to approve the consent agenda.

Donations and In-Kind Contributions

Motion by Wright, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Resolution to accept Grants and Donain the amount of \$1,600. MC Thank you to the Staples Lion Club for their generous donation

Finance Items (Finance Committee

Minutes)

Financial Report provided by Business Manager

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels to

Official Depository Signers: REMOVE Tanley Lego

and ADD Ellen Hill Officials to Invest Funds: REMOVE Tanley Lego and

ADD Ellen Hill Officials to make Elec-

tronic Investment Transfers: REMOVE Tanley Lego and ADD Ellen Hill. Signature Approvals:

REMOVE Tanley Lego and ADD Ellen Hill to execute agreements and/or financial documents as necessary on behalf of the district. MC

Personnel

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Resolution for the Non-Renewal of Courtney Lisson, a Tier 1 Teacher. Members Reeck, Winkels, Reese, Trout, Wright and Anderson voted in favor, none opposed. MC

Motion by Trout, seconded by Wright, to accept the retirement of Kathy Blessing, Food Service, effective May 26, 2023. MC Thank you, Kathy for your 15 years of service.

Facilities

Facilities Update provided by ICS representative Williams.

Other

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Resolution to accept the Lease Agree-

ment with Lakewood Health

System, MC Motion by Trout, seconded by Anderson, to approve the annual Compliance Overview of the American Indian Advisory

Committee Vote of Concurrence. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to approve the revision to the 2022/23 School Calendar with Weds., May 31 being the last staff day. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Wright, to approve sealed bids for miscellaneous items. MC

Reports School Board

FED Sourcewell - Feb. 21,2023 Minutes

Other **Principals** Activities Superintendent **SMEA**

Other Adjournment

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. MC

--Approved minutes submitted by Loren Walz, Recording Secretary, Staples-Motley School District

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School Board Work Session #20 May 1, 2023, 6:00 p.m. · **District Office**

MINUTES

Call to Order Call to Order by Chair

Winkels 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with Anderson, Reese, Winkels, Trout, Reeck and Wright present. Also attending: Supt. Tappe, Principal Berg, Business Manager Hill, a handful of staff, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson and Recording Secretary Walz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

CIP(Continuous Improvement Plan) review and activity presented by Superintendent Tappe and Communications & Marketing Director Walz.

Operating Levy Renewal discussion led by Superintendent Tappe.

- A. Develop Priorities B. Multiple questions
- C. Additional funding
- D. Repercussions of not passing

Adjournment

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. MC

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STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF TODD** DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL **DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION**

Court File No.

77-PR-23-419

ESTATE OF JOHN JAY RENGEL, Decedent

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT **OF PERSONAL** REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 26, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at Todd County Courthouse, Long Prairie, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated May 7, 2008, and for the appointment of Joel Rengel, whose address is 18508 100th Avenue North, Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311 as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

This Hearing will be

ViaZoom; to attend contact Court Administration for rhearing informa-

tion prior to the hearing, Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxe, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the

Decedent's estate. Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

** This is an administrative hearing and your appearance is not required. If there is an objection to this petition, you will be notified of another date and time**.

Dated: May 25, 2023

Jay D. Carlson Judge of District Court

Kim Peterson Court Administrator/Deputy Court Administrator 23-24pnc

NOTICE **STAPLES-MOTLEY** ISD #2170 **BID REQUEST FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS**

Sealed bids for the 2023-2024 school year for Milk and related Dairy products will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on June 15, 2023, in the district office of Independent School District #2170 located at 905 4th St. NE Staples, MN 56479 at which time bids will be opened in said office.

Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes with "Bid for Dairy Products" clearly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. Bids should be sent to Independent School District #2170, District Office, 905 Fourth St. NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting the district office at the above address or by calling (218) 894-5400, ext. 3164 or ext. 3009.

On June 19, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. the School Board will meet to evaluate all bids and act thereon. Independent School District #2170 reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, any bid received, and to waive all technicalities.

Lisa Anderson, Clerk School Board Staples-Motley School District, ISD #2170

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NOTICE TOWN OF VILLARD COUNTY OF TODD STATE OF MINNESOTA BID REQUEST

Villard Township will be accepting quotes for blowing, sealing, patching all existing cracks (including edge cracks) on approximately 6,200 feet of township roads.

We are asking for a quote using MN/DOT Spec. #3723 rubberized asphalt. Cracks will need to be routed 3/4 inch in width and 3/4 in depth.

All quotes must include equipment, labor, and materials. Work is to begin as soon as weather permits. The Villard Town Board requests that all work be done by October 1, 2023. The Board would recommend filling while the cracks are open.

Please contact Chairman Shawn Jordahl at 218-270-0137 with any questions. All quotes must be brought to the Town Hall on June 13, 2023, no later than 7 p.m. or mailed to the Town Clerk to be received no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Quotes can be faxed to 218-352-6736 by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. The Villard Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all quotes in the best interest of the township.

Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk

Villard Township 31836 Timberlane Road Staples, MN 56479 218.640.6115

Fax #218.352.6736 22-25pnc

NOTICE **TOWN OF VILLARD COUNTY OF TODD** STATE OF **MINNESOTA BID FOR DITCH MOWING**

To Whom It May Con-

The Town of Villard, Todd County, MN is now accepting quotes for ditch mowing. The ditch mowing will take place once before July 1, 2023, and once before August 31, 2023. Any other time will be as needed and instructed by the Town Board.

This contract will be for one season of 2023 and is to mow approximately 38 miles of Township ditches in Villard Township. One swath of 6 feet on both sides of the road is recommended. If you are selected for

provide a copy of your insurance and sign the contract before starting. Please mail or email

the job, you will need to

your quote to the clerk at the address shown below. **Description:**

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Quote to mow on town-

Quote Amount: Your quote will need to be received by the Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday June 13, 2023. Quotes can be emailed to

the address listed below. If you should have any questions, please contact the Villard Township Chairman at 218-270-0137. Thank you for your

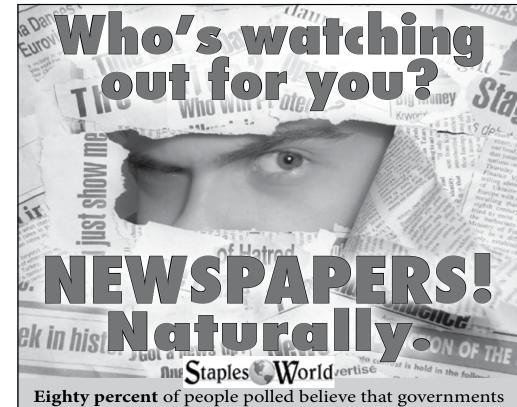
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Company Name:

Signature:

Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk Villard Township 31836 Timberlane Road Staples, MN 56479 marykoenig169@gmail.

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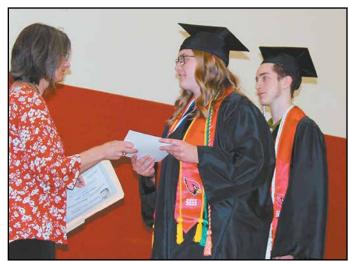
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• SOURCE: 2011 Readership Survey by National Newspaper Association.



Graduating with Distinctive Honors

Staples-Motley High School seniors graduating with Distinctive Honors were presented with gold cords at the Cords and Awards ceremony May 24. Pictured, from left: Amanda Carter, Topanga Braith, Landon Mertens, Ashley Robben (the top four academic students in their respective order), Riley Dabbs, Allison Olander, Trinity Seamann, Rafael Caudillo, Nicole Carter, Lucas Brownell, Aften Robinson. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



'Triple A' award winners

Staples-Motley High School Principal Debbie Ferdon presented Topanga Braith (center) and William Dolezal with their Triple A award certificates at the Cords and Awards Ceremony May 24.



Cords and Awards

Staples-Motley High School Cords and Awards ceremony was May 24 at the high school gym, to honor graduates and present

Graduating with Highest Honors

Staples-Motley High School seniors graduating with Highest Honors were presented with silver cords at the Cords and Awards ceremony May 24. Pictured, from left: Caitlin Jasmer, Camryn Ferris, Briana

Bendson, Isaiah Schultz, Coby Maitland, Luke Bates, Grace Jennissen, Sarina Huepenbecker, Keegan Bestland, Cyril Johnson, Jayce Kobliska, Georgia Kruchten, Veronica Barnes.



Foreign grads

Foreign exchange students graduating with the Staples-Motley High School Class of 2023 include, from left: Vittorio Centrone, Italy; Victoria Bortveit, Norway; Tindra Gustavsson Osterlund. Sweden; Lula Terracciano, Italy.



Honors students

Cords and Awards ceremony held at the photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples-Motley High School stu-school's main gymnasium. Pictured, from dents graduating with Honors were pre- left: William Dolezal, Grace Allen, Emi-



Timbs)

ceremony May 24. (Sta-

ples World photo by Dawn

Cardinals show patriotic spirit



Members of the Staples-Motley High School Class of 2023 cheered as fellow classmate Cyril (Cy) Johnson was recognized at the Cords and Awards ceremony May 24, for having joined the United States Navy. Johnson, in lower photo, said later that he felt very emotional to receive a standing ovation from his classmates and others in attendance.

Johnson, 18, shared that he will ship out to Great Lakes, III., on June 22 for basic training. From there he'll head to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, where he'll study to become a Hospital Corpsman (Navy HM), in all, a five year commitment. He always wanted to join the Navy, Johnson said, adding that his great-grandfather, both grandfathers, his dad, step-mom and an uncle have all served in the military. "I'm a fourth-generation sailor," he said. Johnson loves Staples, but said he's looking forward to branching out and seeing other parts of the world. He's always dreamed of being on a ship and is excited to see this become a reality. He's also glad for the opportunity to serve his country. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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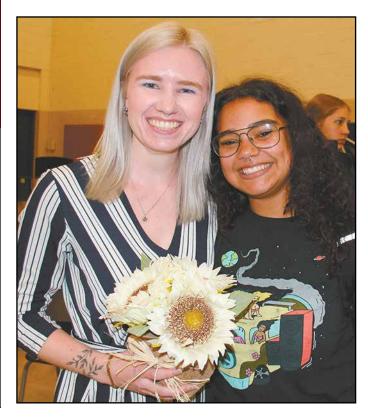
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Beloved teacher

At the Cords and Awards ceremony May 24, Staples-Motley High School Principal Debbie Ferdon revealed that Kristina Haataja, orchestra/band teacher, had been named 'Staff Member of the Year' by students. Haataja (left) is pictured with Kyra Stangle, 11th grader, who was one of the students who nominated the teacher. Prior to presenting Haataja with flowers, Ferdon read what students had written about her. "She is kind and very considerate and keeps people motivated to be in the music department. She has helped students get involved with the music programs at CLC and community music groups. One student said she is the reason they figured out they wanted to be a high school band teacher. She helps students try new things and get out of their comfort zone with new instruments. We are fortunate to have Ms. Haataja on staff and can't wait to see what the band and orchestra do in the coming years. Congratulations." Ferdon went on to share, "I appreciate Ms. Haataja's dedication to students and drive to be successful and polished with her instrumental groups. She was a pro during the music trip to Chicago and created a great experience for kids." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)