Staples World

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 — Staples, Minnesota — $1



Sunrise

Timbers Restaurant, Timberlake Hotel, Staples Dairy Queen and Williams Floral, looking east along 4th Avenue. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 4	63°	42°	Sunny
Nov. 5	63	47	Sunny
Nov. 6	67	50	Sunny
Nov. 7	62	49	M. Cloudy
Nov. 8	55	26	Showers
Nov. 9	29	19	Cloudy
Nov. 10	26	16	Cloudy

Last Year, 2019

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 4	36°	30°	Cloudy
Nov. 5	26	10	Cloudy
Nov. 6	24	10	Sunny
Nov. 7	22	6	Sunny
Nov. 8	30	28	M. Cloudy
Nov. 9	30	21	Cloudy
Nov. 10	18	16	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 43° Low = 28°

Snow for Week: 0"
Total rain for year: 20.20"
Total snow for year: 54" + 9" = 63"
Enjoy the warm weather

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Region Five receives national Impact Award

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC), based in Staples, has received a 2020 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for the RxCSA/VetCSA Program.

This community supported agriculture program targets areas of geographically dispersed veterans and their families, people who are working to increase adaptation and lifestyle capacity while living with mental illness, and those who are recovering from opioid or other drug addictions to provide CSA shares of locally grown food, cooking demonstrations, and nutrition education.

"There has never been a project like this in our nation," according to Staci Headley, senior regional development planner at R5DC. "This project is innovative and unique because of the approach to deliver services to people - taking into consideration their unique needs. It brings people together through the common denominator of food and uses food as medicine to improve quality of life and overall health and wellness, while also supporting our local growers. We have seen our CSA programs deliver amazing results, while our team continues to seek ways to deliver this project to a multitude of people with different needs simultaneously to create efficiencies and greater impact."

NADO is a Washington, DC-based membership association of regional development organizations that promote programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities, and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies. The association's Impact Awards program recognizes



Staci Headley

regional development organizations and their partners for improving the economic and community competitiveness of our nation's regions and local communities.

Award-winning projects were recognized during NADO's virtual 2020 Annual Training Conference, held online Oct. 20-22. The 2020

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State title run

Emmet Anderson pulls away in the Twin Cities Running Club Showcase, the cross country race that replaced the state meet this year. Anderson finished in first place, 22 seconds ahead of last year's state champion. The meet was held Oct. 31 at Atwater. See page 2a for more on the cross country championship season. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples City Council to go back online

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council reluctantly agreed to host their meetings online while the COVID-19 surge is spreading through the city. All of the council members who commented said they didn't like the earlier meetings that were held on the Zoom platform, but they also understood the need to limit gatherings.

"We don't want to be responsible for a spreader event, but we need to get business done," said Mayor Chris Etzler.

Council member Mary Theurer said although she is not a fan of online meetings, "It sets a good example for other organizations."

Recreation progress

Parks and Recreation Director Tricia Jasmer updated the council on park projects. She said the skating rink will have a new warming house this year. Dower Lake Recreation Area has new shade structures for the beach area and the shower house is being remodeled to be ready for next year. There will also be grill gazebos and a storm shelter going up at Dower Lake next year.

The council approved 2021 Dower Lake Campground seasonal site lease terms. The seasonal rate is $1,800 plus electric costs for one summer. A $600 deposit is required to reserve a spot. The season begins in May and units must be removed by Oct. 1.

In other news, the council

- Approved applying for grant to Small Cities Devel-

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State champs started together

In Emmet Anderson's first varsity race as a seventh grader, he finished in stride with Owen Bjerga, who went on to win a state wrestling title last year. (File photo)





Both parties show up at Trump caravan through Staples

Dozens of vehicles sporting Trump banners and American flags drove through Staples Nov. 1, during a Trump Caravan that originated in New York Mills. Some Biden supporters were at the scene near the city's overpass, holding up signs for their preferred candidate in protest of Trump. Just east of the overpass, at All Veterans and Community Park in Staples, were a number of Trump supporters with their signs. Vehicle horns could be heard honking during the approximate ten-minute caravan through town. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

State Champions!

Minnesota girls cross country 2020 final rankings

1. Staples-Motley
2. Luverne
3. Murray County Central
4. Perham
5. Hawley
6. Winona Cotter
7. Howard Lake-Waverly/Winsted
8. St. Cloud Cathedral
9. Pequot Lakes
10. Belle Plaine
11. Plainview-Elgin-Millville
12. West Central Area

Cardinals first in final rankings

The Minnesota State High School Coaches Association released their final polls with Staples-Motley on top for both boys and girls. Since there was no official state meet this season, the Cardinals are considered the state champions for the format that was provided them this year.

The Staples-Motley girls team was undefeated on the season, finishing well in front of three ranked teams in head to head races.

The Staples-Motley boys lost a head to head match against top ranked West Central Area midway through the season, but improved by the end of the year to beat their rivals in the section meet by two points.

Minnesota boys cross country 2020 final rankings

1. Staples-Motley
2. West Central Area
3. Nova Classical Academy
4. Lac Qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd
5. Lake City
6. Perham
7. St. James
8. Annandale
9. Lewiston-Altura/Rushford-Peterson
10. Pequot Lakes
11. Greenway/Nashwauk-Keewatin
12. Minnehaha Academy

























Cardinal girls section team

Front row from left, Arabella Moore, Abby Brown, Naila Mikhaeil; back row, Audrey Brownell, Addison Lorber, Addisyn Cichos, Coach Steve Jennissen, Coach Bruce Furhman, Kyanna Burton, Aften Robinson, Ashley Robben.



Cardinal boys section team

Front row from left, Logan Robben, Dillan Robben, Issiah Tabatt; back row, Coach Bruce Furhman, Lyle Brownell, Tanner Robben, Sam Jennissen, Emmet Anderson, Grant Johnson, Luke Brownell, Coach Steve Jennissen and Coach Tony Spandl.









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opment Program for community center repairs and rental housing rehabilitation. The city plans to apply for $300,000 for the community center and $400,000 for the housing grant.

∘ Approved resolution for no parking zone on Michigan Ave. NE between 8th Strteet NE and 12th Street NE, and also 12th Street NE from 4th Ave. and continuing to Michigan Ave. These are the streets where the new Pullman Townhomes are opening.

COVID-19 surge continues

The Staples zip code saw 40 new cases of COVID-19 in one week while Todd County recorded 152 new cases in a week.

Motley had a reduced number from the previous week. After recording 22 new cases the from Oct. 15-22, the Motley zip code saw 12 new cases in the week of Oct. 23-29.

Total new cases by county in the week of Oct. 26-Nov. 1 were: Todd County 152, Wadena County 61, Cass 88, Morrison 149, Crow Wing 245, Otter Tail 152, Douglas 132, Stearns 767 and Hubbard 110.

By city zip code, Staples had 40 new cases, Motley 12, Pillager 14, Wadena 15 and Long Prairie 53.

Statewide, Minnesota set a single day record of 3,454 new cases on Oct. 26. The number of deaths from COVID-19 is also rising, with an average of 20 deaths per day in Minnesota since Oct. 26.

Locally, the number of deaths is increasing. Todd County recorded two in the past week for a total of seven since the pandemic began. Wadena County showed one death this week and Morrison County had one.

Staples Police report

On Oct. 5, Staples Police received a report of damage to a mailbox at the Oak Ridge trailer court. Police are investigating the incident.

On Oct. 6, Staples Police responded to the Staples-Motley High School for a report of an assault.

On Oct. 6, Staples Police responded to a report of a school bus stop arm violation which occurred on the 400 block of 6th Street SE.

On Oct. 6, Staples Police observed John Faulk in the alley on the 800 block of 2nd Ave. NE. Police approached Faulk as he had an active arrest warrant. Faulk was uncooperative and non compliant with police and other law enforcement agencies were called to assist. Faulk, 55, was taken into custody and also charged with disorderly conduct and obstructing the legal process. Assisting police was the Todd County Sheriff's Department, Motley Police Department, and Wadena County Sheriff's Department.

On Oct. 7, Staples Police received a complaint about people living in a camper in a back yard. It is against City of Staples ordinance to live in a camper more than 10 days in town.

On Oct. 7, Staples Police responded to a report of a domestic assault on the 300 block of 5th Street SE. After investigation, Melanie Mccreery, 37, was arrested for domestic assault.

On Oct. 8, Staples Police responded to the Family Dollar for the report of theft. The subject, who had stolen around $20 worth of items, had left before police arrived.

On Oct. 8, Staples Police took the report of a light colored passenger car with two individuals who got out of a vehicle and jumped a fence into a property. The individuals got back into their car shortly after and left.

On Oct. 9, Staples Police assisted a parent locating a juvenile child who had not returned home after school.

On Oct. 9, Staples Police received a report of a juvenile receiving suspicious messages through Instagram.

On Oct. 9, Staples Police received information that the pilot of a plane traveling westbound at about 4,000 feet over Staples observed a green laser light in the cabin of the airplane. It was unknown where the laser came from.

On Oct. 10, Staples Police responded to the 800 block of 4th St. NE for a report of a hit and run. Police located the suspect vehicle and received information from the driver involved.

On Oct. 10, Staples Police responded to a residence for a report of a domestic assault. Police arrested a minor for domestic assault, and domestic assault by strangulation.

On Oct. 10, Staples Police responded to the 200 Block of 6th St. SE for a report of a very young child running in the road. The complainant grabbed the child and called law enforcement Police arrived and the parent of the child was already on scene. Police will forward the report to social services.

On Oct. 11, Staples Police along with Staples Fire Department responded to a fire alarm on the 200 block of 5th St. NE. Police arrived on scene and learned the alarm was caused by burnt toast.

On Oct. 11, Staples Police arrested John Faulk on a Crow Wing County warrant for 5th degree controlled substance. Faulk was transported to Pillager and custody was given to a Crow Wing deputy who transported Faulk to the Crow Wing County Jail.

On Oct. 13, Staples Police assisted Minnesota State Patrol with a two vehicle accident on Hwy 10 near County 83. No injuries were reported, and one vehicle was towed from the scene.

On Oct. 15, Staples Police were advised of an upset patient at Staples Vet Clinic. Police arrived and spoke with the subject who calmed down and apologized to the vet staff.

On Oct. 15, Staples Police requested to assist with a patient in the Lakewood emergency room who was being disruptive. Police arrived and the patient had calmed down.

On Oct. 15, Staples Police responded to the 700 block of Park Ave. NE for a report of a domestic. After investigation, Michael Braswell, 28, was arrested for domestic assault, and domestic assault strangulation.

On Oct. 16, Staples Police received a report of an assault that occurred on the 100 block of 2nd Ave. NE. The complainant stated he was assaulted by an unknown subject in a business and wanted it reported but did not want to press charges.

On Oct. 17, Staples Police responded to the 800 block of Kansas Avenue SW for the report of a vehicle that had been shot.

On Oct. 17, Staples Police observed a vehicle in a yard that had crashed on the 700 Block of 8th St. NE. Police located the driver and had her checked by medical personnel for injuries. After investigation, police assisted the driver with a ride to her residence.

On Oct. 17, Staples Police were contacted by a subject with an ankle bracelet who stated his bracelet had shown him to be out of range while he is at his residence. Police informed the subject it would be documented.

On Oct. 18, Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 2nd Avenue NE for a large fight.

On Oct. 18, Staples Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for driving with no headlights. The driver performed standardized field sobriety tests and provided a preliminary breath test over the legal limit for driving a motor vehicle. The driver later performed a breath test into the DMT and tested below the legal limit. The driver was given a ride to a friend's house.

On Oct. 18, Staples Police assisted Cass County in rural Motley with an individual who was self harming. The individual was transported by ambulance to Lakewood Hospital..

On Oct. 18, Staples Police responded to the 900 block of 6th Street NE for the report of a domestic. Darlene May, 73, of Staples, was arrested.

Looking back



75 Years Ago - 1945

∘ Nov. 8, 1945 - Twin boys, weighing seven pounds and 10 3/4 ounces, and six pounds and 3 1/4 ounces were born at the Staples Municipal hospital to Mr. and Mrs. George Carlson of Motley, the afternoon of Thursday Nov. 8.

∘ Nov. 8, 1945 - Beginning the first of November the Greyhound bus depot is located at the St. Charles hotel in Staples

For many years the depot was located at the Hoemberg Confectionery in Staples, but since Mr. Hoemberg has disposed of his business interests the St. Charles hotel has taken over the duties of the depot.

∘ Nov. 8, 1945 - At a special meeting of the Staples City council held Tuesday evening of this week, the tax levy for the city was set at the same figure as we established last year.

The city departments will received a total of $24,200 in tax monies for the coming year, according to officials of the city.

One department of the city, which until the first of January 1944, had always been on the red side of the ledger, was the city relief. On January first 1944 the deficit in the treasury was wiped out, this was possibly being due to the fact that so many people were accepting positions in defense plants in the metropolitan areas.

Just how the monies of the city are divided, and what departments share in the tax money, was not revealed by the city officials.

∘ Nov. 8, 1945 - Students and instructors at Sacred Heart Parochial school in Staples, have been busy for the past several weeks practicing on their annual school program, which will be presented at the Knights of Columbus hall Friday evening, Nov. 16, and again on Sunday evening, Nov. 18.

As usual, the program will present many playlets by the students. These will be interspersed with musical selections of all kinds.

From the first grade up through the eighth grade, students will have some part in some of the production of the program.

50 Years Ago - 1970

∘ Nov. 12, 1970 - Dr. Duane Lund, superintendent of schools, was chosen chairman of the 1970 United Fund Drive in this city at a meeting of interested persons Monday evening in the school cafeteria.

Sixteen other persons were selected to serve on the board of the fund drive. Named to this board were Dr. Raymond Garland, Richard Donat, Stanley Edin, Melvin Nefstead, Edwin Perry, Robert Rego, Noel Stendahl, Kenneth Richardson, Ken LeVasseur, Lee Jenkins, Vern Seipkes, Preston Dean, Robert Anderson, Mrs. C. R. Longbella, Mrs. John Hetman and Mrs. Don Sanda.

∘ Nov. 12, 1970 - The wife of the Pillager high school principal died Sunday night in a Brainerd hospital of injuries suffered in a fire which gutted the family home Friday afternoon.

Dead of smoke inhalation and burns is Mrs. John Reimer, 40, mother of three daughters; Karla, Jane and Patricia.

Firemen were called to the Reimer home about 2:40 p.m. Friday when clerks of a nearby store notice smoke issuing from the house. Reimer saw the smoke from the second floor of the school, and he and his three daughters rushed home.

Assistant Pillager fire chief Walt Stark said the fire apparently started in the bedroom. Mrs. Reimer was found lying on the living room floor behind a chair.

Stark said that large pieces of bedding were found in the kitchen sink, where the faucet was turned on. Apparently Mrs. Reimer had attempted to extinguish the fire with the wet bedding, Stark said, but appeared to have been overcome by smoke.

∘ Nov. 12, 1970 - Children's National Book Week will be observed Nov. 15 - 21. The Staples Public Library will be joining thousands of libraries throughout the United States for this annual observance.

Elsie Ahlbrecht, local librarian, said that 28 new books were received recently at the Staples library, including, "The Crystal Cave," by Stewart; "Countdown" by Slaughter; "The Secret Woman" by Holt; "Love Story" by Segal; "Complete Poems" by Frost; and "The Cross and the Switchblade," by Wilkerson.

25 Years Ago - 1995

∘ Nov. 9, 1995 - Only 60 people, out of a possible 1,467 registered voters, bothered to come to the Staples city polls on Tuesday to cast ballots in the city election.

The four incumbents on the ballot were reelected to their positions on the city council. Mayor Frank Williams was elected to his second term as mayor, getting 54 votes, with six blank or write-in votes.

Current city council members Al Erbe, with 50 votes;, Roy Miles, with 55 and Terry Stern with 52, were all re-elected. There were a total of 23 write-ins or bank ballots.

∘ Nov. 9, 1995 - Rose Edin's 25th Annual Holiday Open House will be held Nov. 10 - 12 and Nov. 17 - 19, at her gallery north of Staples.

"This year marks my 25th year of holding open houses. In celebration, I am releasing a new full color limited edition print entitled, 'First Snow Fall.' This print features the homestead cabin now located on our property. This 1881 cabin, featuring all of my prints, will be open for the celebration," Edin included in her ad.

∘ Nov. 9, 1995 - Two of the youngest nonsmokers in the Staples area are Kayla Jean Flickinger and Jordan Lee Kordiak.

They are the first newborns to receive a t-shirt from the American Cancer Society proclaiming to be "born nonsmokers."

To celebrate D-Day on Nov. 16, all babies born at Greater Staples Hospital during November will be presented with an American Cancer Society "I'm a Born Nonsmoker" t-shirt.

10 Years Ago - 2010

∘ Nov. 11, 2010 - Don Norton of Staples shared memories of his Army service during WWII. Norton helped secure several islands in the Pacific Theatre during the war. Upon returning home he joined the National Guard and ended up with a total of 38 years in the military.

∘ Nov. 11, 2010 - The big black horses on Doyle Yoder's farm now have a new title for their bloodline: world ranked.

Yoder's stallion foal took ninth out of 37 horses in the futurity class at the World Percheron Congress, held Oct. 25 - 30 in Des Moines, Iowa. He also took a yearling stallion who was judged to be in the top 25 out of 40 horses.

∘ Nov. 11, 2010 - Staples native Rico Heisler is the star of "All Shook Up," the rock and roll musical playing on the main stage at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres through Jan. 29.

Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Jan. 17, 1980 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Nov. 16, 1967 edition of the Staples World, featured Bob Dahl (left) and Jerry Jansen who had been selected by their teammates as co-captains of the Cardinal Football team at Staples high school for the 1968 season, as reported by their coach, Frank Leidenfrost.

Mike Hajek of Staples correctly identified Dahl. He guessed the other boy to be Kevin Johnson. Frank Leidenfrost of Staples correctly identified both. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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When our institutions fail us, do the right thing at a personal level

We rely on our institutions to keep our society functioning. Our government, education and businesses all rely on rules and procedures that have been developed over centuries. A lot of us don't know the reasons for the rules and it can feel impersonal when we have to fill out paperwork or wait for a response, or find out we didn't do something exactly right so we have to start over again.

If we stick with it, we often find a person within the institution who provides the services we need to continue on with a dignified life. But a lot of that changed with the coronavirus pandemic. It actually had been emerging for years, as some of our political movements have pointed out. The Tea Party, Occupy Wall Street, Trump fanatics and Black Lives Matter actually have the same core message: that our institutions don't work for the people any more. The movements should be teaming up to work together, but they have different perspectives on how the institutional failure plays out in their lives.

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Small town diet



By Mark Anderson
Editor

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Now that the pandemic has blown everything up, we have found out that many of our institutions don't have the right tools to handle the stress of a catastrophe. In these times, they revert back to what they do best, to perpetuate their own institution without regard to the needs of the people in the changing world. The government's coronavirus response has taken a lot of criticism from every side, but we also have seen issues with employment, health insurance and education. We are seeing it at a local level such as community functions where the procedures we used to follow are unsafe or don't fill the changing needs.

While there are a lot of examples of how this hurts us locally, the one that became apparent this past month is the institutional failure of the Minnesota State High School League, which has been the governing body of high school sports and arts in the state. The league declined to host any of the high school sports state tournaments, but have never made a public statement as to why. This especially hits Staples-Motley hard, as our cross country teams were ranked number one in the state, and we had three returning state tennis players, with the possibility of two more having a chance to go to state.

It appears the MSHSL failed because they tried to make one rule so that all fall sports would have the same state tournament format. That is an impossible task so of course it failed.

But the week after the tennis season ended at the section meet, Minnesota had some of the best fall weather ever. There was no reason the tennis players were sitting at home that week, they could have easily held a safe state meet outdoors.

In cross country, an outside group picked up when the MSHSL abandoned the sport. The Twin Cities Running Club held a state meet that safely followed the state health department guidelines.

That is one example of a group taking a stand to make up for an institutional failure. During this pandemic, there will be plenty of opportunities like this to humanize our society. Those of us who live in a small town are better positioned to personalize our relationships, even though we may be social distancing and communicating through technology. We are able to overcome the obtuse rules and procedures because we know the people involved so we can trust that they won't take advantage of it.

We still see our fellow community members at the grocery store or walking down the street, but we miss the large community events that have been a staple of small town life. We need to make up for that loss of community by acting more personal and less institutional.

A voice for the people of the world

By Donna Park
Citizens for Global Solutions

It is now more evident than ever that the world lacks the structures necessary to successfully address the many global problems facing it.

The General Assembly of the United Nations represents the nations of the world. But the governments of these nations often seem more worried about protecting their national sovereignty than about addressing global problems that are existential threats to humanity. The global coronavirus pandemic, the destruction of our global ecosystems, global warming, global cyber security risks, global financial challenges, the growing gap between the rich and the poor, and the risk of nuclear destruction—these are all global problems that no one nation can solve on its own. We need to create global structures that can effectively address them.

One creative idea along these lines is to establish a World Parliamentary Assembly (WPA) that would represent the people of the world at the United Nations. This idea for a global parliamentary assembly is advanced in the UN75 People's Declaration, which was developed by a coordinating group of civil society representatives that consulted with government representatives, UN officials, and other stakeholders. Members of the WPA would be elected by the people of the world. As such, the WPA would owe its allegiance to the people rather than to national governments.

If this world parliamentary assembly were developed, citizens of democratic nations like the United States would then be able to vote not only for local, state, and national leaders, but also for global leaders to represent them on the global stage. These leaders would be expected to create and implement solutions that are democratic, just, sustainable, and serve the common good of all humanity.

Hasn't the time come to move in this direction? After all, the people of the world have an ever-growing recognition that they are not only citizens of their nations, but also citizens of the world. And we all live on this small planet together.

A Global Week of Action for a World Parliament occurred from October 16 to 25. I urge you to register your support for this idea to spread democracy to the global level. There are several ways to do this:

Sign the appeal for a World Parliamentary Assembly at https://en.unpacampaign.org/take-action/individual/

Go to outreach@globalsolutions.org and ask to be added to Citizens for Global Solutions' WPA Interest Group

We the people of the world need to demand a voice and a vote at the global level.

Donna Park is Chair of the Board of Directors of Citizens for Global Solutions Education Fund, a 513(c)(3) headquartered in Washington, DC.

Letter to the Editor

Food shelf support

As I picked up the mail from the food shelf post office box this past week, I was once again in awe of the generosity and support from local businesses, organizations and individuals that continue to give. As director, it is my responsibility to see that our shelves are kept stocked for those in need, your giving makes my tasks easier.

Sherry Miller Frisk
Motley Area Food Shelf

Rural resentment over shutdowns

By Lauren Hughes and Roberto Silva
theconversation.com

As COVID-19 spreads through rural America, new infection numbers are rising to peaks not seen during this pandemic and pushing hospitals to their limits. Many towns are experiencing their first major outbreaks, but that doesn't mean rural communities had previously been spared the devastating impacts of the pandemic.

Infection rates in rural and frontier communities ebbed and flowed during the first seven months, often showing up in pockets linked to meat packing plants, nursing homes or prisons.

Even if they had no cases, many rural areas were under statewide public health orders that left businesses closed and events canceled. And that has become part of the problem today. The early compassionate and cohesive community responses to COVID-19 quickly gave way to growing anger and compliance fatigue, especially when some isolated towns didn't see their first positive cases until summer.

That resentment toward public health recommendations, including mask-wearing, is now on a crash course with rising case numbers in the Mountain West, Midwest and Great Plains. For the fifth week in a row, rural counties witnessed a sharp increase in cases, to the point where over 70 percent of the nation's nonmetropolitan counties had earned a "red zone" designation, suggesting local viral spread was out of control. The reality, though, is COVID-19 has never been "under control" in the U.S.

As professors of family medicine with experience in rural health policy and medical practice, we have been studying the barriers rural communities are facing during the pandemic and how they can solve COVID-19-related challenges.

Understanding the drivers of increasing COVID-19 cases in rural places is critical to both curtailing the current surge and limiting flareups in the future.

Why rural cases are on the rise

Several factors have contributed to the rise in rural case numbers.

The politicization of the pandemic – and of mask-wearing – has hampered both public health efforts and collaboration among businesses, community organizations and health care entities. Political tensions have given rise to misinformation, reinforced on social media, that can be difficult to turn around. If people aren't taking protective measures, when COVID-19 does come in, it can easily and quickly spread.

In some communities, the resumption of small-town activities, such as school, church and sports events, has led to more infections. Experts have pointed to social gatherings, including the nearly 500,000-strong Sturgis motorcycle rally in South Dakota in August, as sources of the recent COVID-19 surge in the upper Midwest.

Working from home is also nearly impossible for many rural jobs. Paid sick leave may also be difficult to come by, prompting some people to choose between working while sick and isolating at home without pay. Meat and poultry processing plants and other farm industries often employ immigrants whose living and commuting realities can make social distancing difficult. Many rural places are heavily dependent on recreation and service industries. When visitors arrive from out of town, they may bring COVID-19 with them.

Local health care is already short-supplied

Pinpointing COVID-19 outbreaks early and stopping the spread can also be harder in rural areas.

Funding for rural public health departments has long been anemic, crippling their ability to test, share data and conduct contact tracing. Limited resources also constrain education and outreach efforts.

Many rural hospitals and primary care practices entered the pandemic in financial trouble and chronically short-staffed. They reside squarely at the end of the supply chain, making acquisition of needed personal protective equipment and testing supplies difficult. Rural hospitals have fewer ICU beds per capita than their urban counterparts. Lack of consistent broadband coverage can make access to telehealth difficult, as well.

These factors, compounded by caring for a population that is comparatively older, sicker and poorer, leave rural communities extraordinarily vulnerable as cases continue to rise.

How to turn the tide of rising cases

Intervening now can slow the rate of rise of COVID-19 cases in rural hot spots while simultaneously building a more robust long-term response.

To be most effective, each rural area's unique demographics, economies and perspectives should be considered as policies are developed.

For example, allowing rural communities to exert control over their reopening and closing decisions based on local disease transmission dynamics would allow them to better balance disease mitigation with economic impacts. Some states allow rural communities with few or no cases to apply for waivers from statewide public health orders. These applications generally look at local infection data, containment measures and health care capacity.

Changing the nature of the conversation around COVID-19 in the community can also help in implementing simple, effective measures like mask-wearing. When communications are personal, they may be more accepted. For example, a public service message could remind people that wearing a mask keeps your favorite business open and your grandmother healthy. Framing levels of risk in understandable terms for different types of activities can also help, such as how to exercise or socialize safely. Working with trusted local messengers, such as business owners and faith leaders, can help convey evidence-based information.

Planning is also essential. Communities need to prepare so they can get supplies, testing and treatment when needed; protect the most vulnerable community members; educate the community; and support people in isolation and quarantine. A rural regional approach to testing and contact tracing, sharing supplies and swapping staff could help bridge some of the gaps. Getting test results closer to home could decrease wait times and courier costs. Sharing resources across health care organizations could also minimize the burden of response.

3 ways to strengthen systems for the future

COVID-19 isn't likely to be the last pandemic rural America will see. Here are three ways to strengthen rural systems for the future.

• By partnering with universities and local and state agencies, communities can incorporate their unique susceptibilities into dynamic epidemiological models that could better inform local public health and economic decisions.

• Aligning public health and health care measures could help governments better balance pandemic responses and ensure all parts of the community are moving toward the same goal.

• Increasing broadband access and internet speeds in rural and frontier communities could also help. During the pandemic, people everywhere have appreciated the need for internet connectivity for education, remote work and purchasing goods, as well as virtual health care.

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Quote of the week

"During an election campaign, the air is full of speeches and vice versa." — Henry Adams

Quote of the week #2

"When you turn an election into a three-ring circus, there's always a chance that the dancing bear will win." — Nancy Isenberg

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Rehearsing a scene

Travis Chaput and Nicole Rothleutner rehearse a scene from Lamplighter Community Theatre's production of The Last Five Years, showing at the Landmark Inn in Staples Nov. 12 - 15. (Photo by Rachael Kline)

Lamplighter Community Theatre presents 'The Last Five Years'

Live performances at Landmark Inn; and streaming online

Lamplighter Community Theatre (LCT) continues its 2020 season with the Drama Desk award winner, The Last Five Years. Performances will be held Nov. 12 - 15, at the Landmark Inn in Staples.

Written by Jason Robert Brown, The Last Five Years, is an emotionally powerful and intimate musical about two New Yorkers in their 20s who fall in and out of love over the course of five years. The show's unconventional structure consists of Cathy, telling her story backwards while Jamie tells his story chronologically; the two characters only meet once, at their wedding in the middle of the show.

"This show has always been a dream of mine to work on, I can't believe it is finally happening. This show is the perfect musical for the current times we are living in. I hope everyone will join as at the Landmark Inn or online for the livestream,"says cast member Travis Chaput.

The Last Five Years is directed by Karla Johnson of Brainerd, and Emily-Rose Severson, also of Brainerd, is the show's vocal director/stage manager. The cast is comprised of Travis Chaput (Jamie Wellerstein) of Brainerd; Nicole Rothleutner (Cathy Hiatt) of Pequot Lakes; and Brianna Engels (Ensemble) of Brainerd, to round out the creative and talented team for Lamplighter's production of the season.

Chaput, the current president of the LCT board, had been set to direct a different show last March, but it had been canceled due to the pandemic, noted fellow LCT board member Rachael Kline.

Performances of The Last Five Years are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 - 14 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. Attendees have the option to see the show in-person at the Landmark Inn (50-person max capacity with masks required to be worn during the performance) or stream the performance live from the comfort of your own home.

The box office opens an hour before curtain with seating beginning 30 minutes before show time. Tickets are currently on sale and may be purchased online at www.lctstaples.com. In-Person tickets will also be available at the door.



Salute for treat deliveries

Kindergarten students in Ginger Stiner's classroom at Staples-Motley Elementary School were clapping in approval and thanks as Staples Lions members Graeme Badger and Ken Christiansen delivered Halloween treat bags to their room Oct. 29. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



One for each student and a big hug for dad

Students in Summer Hagensick's fourth grade class received their Halloween treat bags from masked Staples Lions. Each classroom received their treats, most opting to have the boxes delivered into the back of their rooms to distribute later.

Right: Fourth grade student Chloe Badger gives her dad a thank you hug after her class received the treat bags.



Motley Area Food Shelf hours

The Motley Area Food Shelf will be closed the week of Thanksgiving.

Besides that holiday week, the food shelf is open every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. - noon; and every third Thursday evening from 6 - 8 p.m.

In anyone needs assistance outside of the Motley Area Food Shelf's normal hours, call 218-352-6344.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

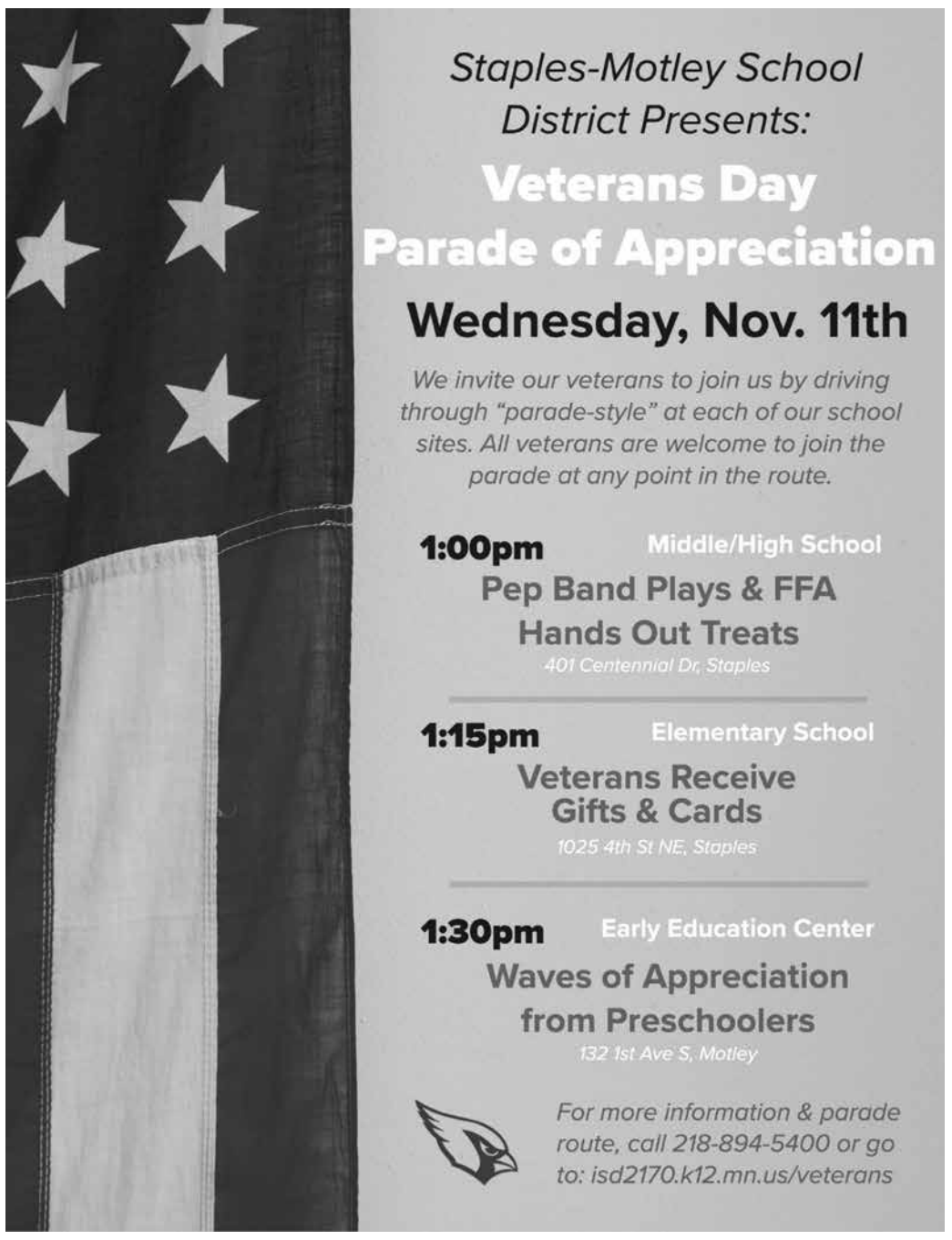
Oct. 25 - The MPD received a report of theft at the 900 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley.

Oct. 28 - The MCSO responded to a report of a person breaking into an occupied residence at the 1600 block of Timber Ln., Cushing. The subject, Clint Kasten, 22, was located in a motor vehicle but ran on foot into a neighboring camper. Kasten was arrested and transported to the Morrison County Jail.

Oct. 26 - The MCSO responded to a trespass complaint at the 1300 block of 330th St., Motley. Upon his arrival, the deputy observed the listed vehicle driving down the driveway and the driver came back with a warrant. He was later arrested on his outstanding warrant. A search incident was conducted and Methamphetamine was located in the subject's pocket.

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1,000 books read



Harrison Meyer, right, recently completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Staples Public Library. Librarian, Angie Johnson presented Harrison with his certificate, a new book and stuffed animal. Parents may register their child for the program at the Staples Public Library. They receive a free canvas bag. Books read can be recorded in the record book or with an easy scan in the Beanstack app. For each 100 books read, children can pick out a ducky; at 1,000 books read, they receive a hard covered book with a matching stuffed animal. The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Libarary. (Submitted photo)

Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Kirsten and Matthew Sundquist of Pillager, a baby girl, Lillian Elizabeth weighing six pounds, eight ounces on October 23, 2020.

Born to Jackie Knapp and Jeremy Martin of Backus, a baby boy, Hayden Michael weighing six pounds, seven ounces on October 28, 2020.

Born to Tasha Morlock of Staples, a baby boy, Elijah James weighing seven pounds, four ounces on October 26, 2020.

Born to Brandy Blocker and Cody Gibbons of Little Falls, twin boys, Grayson Michael and Hunter Jack, both weighing five pounds, seven ounces on October 28, 2020.

Born to Zayda Robinson and Erik Muonio of Baxter, a baby girl, Emmery Mavis weighing eight pounds, two ounces on October 28, 2020.

Born to Cassandra and Dwight Carlson of Menahga, a baby girl, Ava Rose weighing seven pounds on October 28, 2020.

Obituaries

Robert Blake



Robert Harding Blake, 89, of Staples and formerly of Motley, died October 31 at his home in Staples, with his loving wife at his side.

A private family service will be held.

Burial will be at the Motley Public Cemetery at a later date.

Bob was born on February 8, 1931, in Wadena, son of Harding and Gladys (Marvin) Blake. He was raised on the family farm in Cass County in rural Motley, graduating from Motley High School in 1949. He served in the United States Air Force from 1952 until retiring after 20-1/2 years. He was united in marriage to Junette Hagenson on May 1, 1956 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples. After moving back to Motley, he worked at Morey's, was the afternoon manager at the El-Ray Café and then worked full time with the U.S. Postal Service in Brainerd, retiring from the post office after 20 years of service in 2000.

Bob was a member of American Legion Post #0124 since 1973, served on the Swan Valley Church Council and also served as an usher there. He and Junette had been members of Faith Lutheran Church in Staples since 2002.

Bob loved the outdoors, enjoyed gardening and dearly loved his family and his country. Bob suffered a stroke in 2002 and enjoyed and loved his aphasia group in St. Cloud.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Junette; three sons, Bruce, Gary (Kelly) and Kent (Mary); six grandchildren, Anthony (Holly), Andrea, Aslyn (Nick), Amara, Tina (Aaron), Ashley (Matt); 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, Charles and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harding and Gladys Blake.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel of Staples, www.brenny.com.

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Rebecca Thielen



Rebecca (Becky) Thielen, 76, of Grace Point Crossing, Cambridge and formerly of Arden Hills, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2020, from COVID-19.

A private memorial service will be held at a future date.

Rebecca will be deeply missed by her daughter, Angela (John) Larson; three grandchildren, Luke, Kate and Jack; two sisters, Barbara (Costas) Nichols, Fridley and Theresa Krueger, Maple Grove; three sisters-in-law, Rose Zetah and Karen Zetah, both of Motley and Jane Zetah, of Pillager; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Albert Thielen; parents, Sylvester (Wesley) and Veronica Zetah and four brothers, Francis (MaryAnn), Gerald, Donald and Thomas Zetah.

Arrangements are with StrikeLifeTributes.com, 763-689-2070.

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Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Associate Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages) .....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service) ..... 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting ..... 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples..... 218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday .....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast.....11:45 a.m.
2nd Sunday, each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor/Youth Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Facebook Live.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer .....6:30 p.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study .....7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July ..... 9 a.m.
July - January..... 11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader .....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.

Leaf River Township

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Motley

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

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class .....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m,
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday .....7:00 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone 218-746-3839
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY .....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.
(serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

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

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services .....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship 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
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.
Worship Service .....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting ..... 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups .....6:30-8 p.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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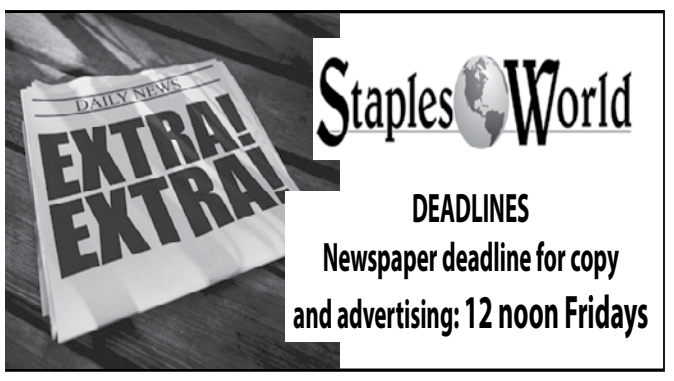
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Big at the net for the block

Morgan Becker and Bo Erholtz (8) team up to block a Pequot Lakes spike in their game Oct. 29. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals impress in two volleyball games

The Staples-Motley volleyball team got back in the winning column with a 3-1 victory over Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Oct. 27, then played well against undefeated Pequot Lakes, but ended up with a 3-0 loss on Oct. 29.

The Cardinals made Pequot Lakes work for their points, doing a good job of blocking the taller team and hitting through or past them. In the first two sets, PL made late runs to pull away. In the third set, Tabetha Allen started out on fire, putting Pequot Lakes on their heels to give the team an 8-0 lead. The teams battled back and forth the rest of the way until it was tied at 20, when another run by PL finished the match.



Playing tall

Ava Schneider and Klaire Storry go up for a block.



Jump serve

Tabetha Allen rises up for a serve.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, Long Prairie 1

25-16, 25-22, 22-25, 25-11

Morgan Becker: Ace serve-1, digs-13, kills-14

Leah Bestland: Ace serves-5, digs-19, set assists-26

Klaire Storry: digs-8, kills-9, blocks-1

Tabetha Allen: Ace-1, digs-7, assists-1, kills-12, blocks-1

Ava Schneider: Ace-2, digs-8, Assists-8, kills-1

Bo Erholtz: digs-2, kills-5

Heidi Lombard: digs-18, kills-1

Libby O'Neil: digs-4

Maggie Claussen: aces-3, digs-2

Jayce Kobliska: dig-1

Staples-Motley 0, Pequot Lakes 3

16-25, 15-25, 22-25

Becker: digs-10, assists-1, kills-7, blocks-1

Bestland: Ace serves-3, digs-10, assists-11, kills-3

Storry: digs-2, block-1

Allen: digs-9, kills-10

Schneider: Ace-1, digs-5, assists-8, kills-1

Erholtz: digs-2, assists-1, kills-4, blocks-2

O'Neil: digs-2

Claussen: digs-2, kill-1

Lombard: digs-7, assists-1

Schultz passes for 197 yards in football win

The Staples-Motley football team made the long drive to Roseau, but once they got there they took to the air. Isaiah Schultz threw for 197 yards and two touchdowns as the Cardinals beat the Rams 20-6 on Oct. 30.

The first touchdown pass was a 30 yarder to Max Strickland in the first quarter. The Cardinal defense took over after that and there was no more scoring until the fourth quarter.

Chandler Braith broke the scoring drought by catching a 20 yard pass. Sivert Klefsaas made the score 20-0 with a three yard touchdown run. Roseau scored late in the game to make the final score 20-6.

Schultz completed 19 of 31 passes in the game, as both teams had similar running stats, but it was the Cardinal passing game that made the difference. Braith hauled in six passes for 89 yards, Dayton Anderson caught eight for 47, Strickland had three catches for 48 yards, Alex Giza had one for 17 and Klefsaas one for six yards.

Klefsaas did most of the running, finishing with 64 yards on 23 carries.

Roseau had 63 passing yards to go with 66 rushing yards. The shutdown defense was led by Logen Weite, who had five solo tackles and 12 assists. Strickland and Sam Opheim each had two tackles for loss and a sack. Opheim finished with four tackles and nine assists, while Strickland had three and seven. Giza also had two tackles for loss, and Klefsaas had three tackles and eight assists. Other tackling leaders were Anderson, Cole Winkels, Dominic Gomez, Alex Ross-Bahn and Conner Dobson.

Klefsaas and Anderson each intercepted a pass and Giza recovered a fumble.

Cardinal tennis awards

The Staples-Motley tennis team gave out season-ending awards recently. Haley Cichos and Jenna Dvorak earned All Conference awards, with Rose Han, Allison Knosalla and Gerogia Kruchten named to the Honorable Mention All Conference team.

The Cardinals finished their season with a 7-6 record and they won their first section team match against In the second round, the team played through injury and absence and ended up losing to New London-Spicer. The individual section tournament was not played this year, and the state meet was cancelled.

"All our players did well this season, especially during a pandemic and a shortened season," said Coach Nathan Thelen. "We saw a lot of growth out of our players both on and off the court. Not only did these players show who they are as players, but they had fun together as a team and increased positivity and caring for each other. This team did an amazing job and we as coaches couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments."



Haley Cichos



Jenna Dvorak



Coach Nathan Thelen discusses strategy with doubles players at the section meet.

Team awards

Haley Cichos - Best Overheads and MVP

Jenna Dvorak - Team Mom

Lauren Rutten - Most Competitive

Rose Han - Team Cheerleader

Kenzie Erickson - Most Improved

Allison Knosalla - Best player to break a finger and keep playing!

Corrine Olson - Most likely to snap her racket

Nicki Carter - Team Jokester

Georgia Kruchten - Best Tag Team Partner

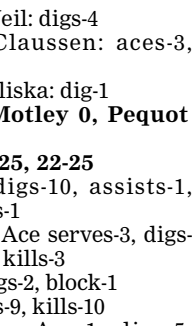
Amy Rollins - "The Rock"

Heidi Zimmerman - Most likely to Google coaches

Grace Allen - Sassy Pants

No glitter, but genuine gold

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

The curtain has come down on the fall show that the majority of "leaf peepers" look forward to, a show they will sometimes drive hundreds of miles on fall color tours to see. The reds and oranges of maples and the yellows of birch and aspen have now been blasted by wind, pelted by rain and snow, and most are sodden and in the first stage of decomposition on the forest floor. Few oaks match the brightness of the "big three," but they will continue to fall—sometimes well into winter—as the last holdouts among the leaf-bearing trees.

I'm wowed as much as the next person by that kind of leaf color, so brilliant that it almost overpowers the senses. Earlier in the fall, my wife and I would compare notes as those colors began to appear along the roads we regularly drive, providing one another a heads-up so we'd not miss the full palette of Nature's fall masterpiece.

But there's also a fall color sideshow that many people miss, due mostly to factors of place and time. It's a one-tree show, put on by the lesser known and too often under-appreciated tamarack. Deer and grouse hunters, and others whose recreations take them into the wilder and more undisturbed places in Minnesota's northern counties, are among the most likely to find themselves where tamaracks are part of the forest community, and the last act in the fall color show.

The golden glow of tamaracks does not come from broad, thin leaves, but from needles that in shape and appearance have more in common with Minnesota's spruce or balsam fir. But unlike those trees, or the white or red pines, the tamarack—a member of the larch family, actually—lose all their needles at once, and thus are not "evergreen," as are most conifers, which replace their needles gradually.

The needles of the pines typically turn a rusty orange-brown when they reach the end of their useful life. But the tamarack's needles turn a handsome golden color that rivals the yellows of birch and aspen. Even more than that, a tamarack stand viewed from a distance appears to give off a glow. Perhaps it's a function of its needle structure, spiraling around the branches like the bristles on a bottle brush, and reflecting light at many angles. But it's not necessary to know the physics or the optics to see that this glow is something special to the tamarack.

Tamaracks are not found just anywhere, but usually thrive where few other trees seem able to. These are places where they "get their feet wet," or very close to. In fact, many of the places tamaracks grow would be classified as bogs, which are former shallow ponds or wetlands that over the centuries have accumulated enough organic matter from season upon season of decay to form an acidic soil we call peat, substantial enough to host the tamarack.

In some parts of the world, peat is harvested and burned for heating and cooking, just as Minnesota's Native Americans and European settlers burned wood. There is energy stored in peat, the result of many centuries of bog plants converting the sun's energy into organic matter in leaves and stems and flowers. This energy is stored, and released in burning by those who harvest it. In some places—Ireland, for example—peat is even used to generate electricity.

Just as some people mature under difficult circumstances and develop a resilience and character unlike those whose lives have been easy, tamaracks are resilient, too. They typically grow slowly in cold, acidic soil, are close-grained and resinous, and therefore are able to resist decay more than most other tree species.

Sigurd Olson, the wilderness advocate more responsible than anyone else for the preservation of our "canoe country," admired the tamarack, and sang its praises in his book The Singing Wilderness. He wrote that the tamarack "burns with a fierce crackling and a constant barrage of spitting sparks. Here are character and individuality, a release of the cold acidity of the swamps where it was grown, a final flaunting of the energy stored under bitter conditions of existence."

Why has the tamarack evolved the habit of dropping all its needles at once, while our more common evergreen conifers do not? If there is an evolutionary advantage in doing so, it's not been fully explained. Some have pointed out that the bald cypress—which grows in similarly wet conditions in the Southeast, and in the southern reaches of the Mississippi River drainage—also drops its needles all at once with the change of the seasons. Perhaps they have more in common than we know.

Once the tamarack's needles fall, as they're doing even while you are reading this, the tree will appear thoroughly dead throughout the winter. But in spring we'll see the return of its feathery clumps of bright green, delicate needles, to begin another round of the tamarack's unique life cycle.

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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #4
September 21, 2020
6:00 p.m.
District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Longbella, Winkels, Frisk, Freeman and Anderson present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Principals Johnson and Schmidt; Business Services Herdegen and Regan; several staff and students; Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter and Recording Secretary, Madson.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk approve the addition of agenda item #20 and the deletion of items 9a and 16. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to adopt the agenda. MC

Chair Winkels recognized the public and thanked everyone for attending.

ICS Update – Mike Hubbard gave a brief update on facility planning and introduced the team of JLG Architects. Monthly updates will be given during the upcoming Board meetings.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC

Donations and Grants

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Resolution for Acceptance of Donations and Grants in the amount of $8,774.30. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson to accept the receipt of donated items. MC

Finance Items

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

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Proposed Levy; payable 2021; for the maximum amount. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Longbella, to approve the MOU for Salary Schedule B. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels to approve the credit reimbursement request from Nathan Thelen. MC

Policy and Other

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve Policy #522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process with MSBA updates to meet federal regulations. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Longbella, to authorize **Shane Tappe** to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) and **Bonnie Madson** to act as the IOwA to add and remove names only for Staples-Motley School District 2170-01 MC

Reports

Freshwater; Sourcewell

Principals' written reports were available.

Superintendent Tappe gave an update on enrollment, Distance Learning numbers, learning environments for social distancing by using outside space as much as possible.

SMEA - Ms. Schneider indicated students and staff are all glad to be back in the classroom following the six month break from school due to COVID-19.

Activities Director - Mr. Lee reported that Volleyball will begin Oct. 8 and Football will begin Oct. 9.

Closed Session for Superintendent's Evaluation

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson, to move into Closed Session for review and discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation. MC

Reconvene in Closed Session to Review Superintendent's Evaluation

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to call the Closed Session to Order at 6:40 p.m. MC

Roll Call and discussion.

Reconvene in Open Session

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Freeman, to reconvene in Open Session at 7:06 p.m. MC

The Board summary of the Supt. Evaluation was read by Chair Winkels.

Adjourment

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. MC

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

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Public Notices

CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Staples City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on November 24, 2020 at 122 6th St NE to consider and possibly adopt assessments for non-payment of utility charges against property.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

Diane Archer, City Clerk
Published 11-5-2020

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Treats on the Streets, Staples

Characters abounded throughout the streets of Staples as businesses offered treats for children through the Staples Motley Chamber promotion. Above: Jemma's Salon's outside greeters handing out candy. Below: Several little ones dressed in their Halloween costumes.







The Winter family at the Trunk or Treat event held at the 1st International Bank & Trust Parking lot. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

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Lakewood Health System, Staples, is even better equipped to keep all community members safe thanks to a grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The $14,425.47 grant will be used to purchase a LUCAS device fulfilling a critical need within the department.

"We are committed to helping organizations such as Lakewood Health System continue their lifesaving work within local communities. We are honored to be able to award this grant and do our part to ensure that Staples and its surrounding communities are safer for everyone, including first responders," said Robin Peters, executive director, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

Two of Lakewood's three ambulances are currently equipped with LUCAS devices and this grant will add one to the third ambulance. The LUCAS devices provide life-saving care to cardiac arrest patients by performing hands-free compressions, which increases safety for responders and reduces risk of COVID-19 exposure.

The grant was one of 102 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation awarded to public safety organizations across the country during the most recent grant application period. The 102 grants total more than $2.1 million.



CSA pickup

Community members come to pick up their food at the RxCSA/VetCSA program.

CSA continued from page 1a

Regional aspect makes program unique

class of award recipients consists of 79 projects from 48 organizations spanning 19 states. These projects are presented in an interactive "Story Map" developed by NADO that includes project summaries, partners, and images. The Story Map is available online at: https://www.nado.org/impactawards/.

"Our annual Impact Awards program is an opportunity to highlight the important work our members do every single day to serve their local communities," said 2019-2020 NADO President Kevin Byrd, executive director of the New River Valley Regional Commission, located in Radford, VA. "These projects show the best that regional development organizations have to offer and are a real testament to the value they add to their regions."

The NADO Impact Awards are presented in honor of the late Aliceann Wohlbruck who was NADO's first executive director and served 24 years as a champion for regional approaches to economic development in rural communities.

For more information about this award-winning project, contact Staci Headley at 218-831-0137 or via email at sheadley@region-five.org.



A nice day for Treats on the Streets in Staples

Staples Ace Hardware participated in the Treats on the Streets event Oct. 30. A parade line of Halloween goers lined up for candy outside the store. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Staples Lions preparing Halloween treat bags





The Staples Lions gathered at the Lions building to put together treat bags for each child in the elementary school system. Over 480 bags were delivered to two schools, Sacred Heart Area School and Staples-Motley Elementary School on Oct. 29.

The idea came about while the Lions were completing their ditch cleaning project. Graeme Badger happened to mention that it was too bad the kids in the community would be limited for going out for Halloween Trick or Treating. Because of COVID-19, Badger thought it would not be a good idea to visit grandparents and elderly people; as well as some kids who had to choose not to go out at all. He came up with the individual bag idea. The Lions asked for donations of items and purchased candies etc. "I had to store the boxes in my car and get them into the house without my 10-year-old figuring out what it was for," said Badger, as they wanted it to be a surprise. Everything was hauled to the Lions Building where they gathered (above) to complete the individual bags. Lions President Ken Christiansen and Greame Badger made arrangements to deliver the boxes. (Submitted photo)



Halloween treat bags at Sacred Heart Area School

Sacred Heart Area School students received Halloween treat bags from Lions Ken Christiansen and Graeme Badger. The Lions donated the treats, gathered donations and put together the bags for each student. Representing each classroom at Sacred Heart were Kaylee Perius, Isaiah Detloff, Sam Norris, Aliza Alexander, Oskar Doll and Ali Reese. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

