



Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Staples, Minnesota

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Retirement drive-by

celebration held for Dr. Jerry
Henrickson July 24. following
40 years of service.
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Weather

This Week's Forecast
High Low Cond.
July 29 79° 53° Sunny

July 30	80	55	Sunny
July 31	80	58	M. Sunny
Aug. 1	75	54	M. Sunny
Aug. 2	76	52	Sunny
Aug. 3	77	56	Sunny
Aug. 4	80	58	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2019			
High Low Cond.			
July 29	82°	54°	Sunny
July 30	73	46	P. Cloudy
July 31	77	50	Sunny
Aug. 1	83	57	Sunny
Aug. 2	79	60	Cloudy
Aug. 3	84	61	M. Cloudy
Aug. 4	82	59	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 80° Low = 58°
Rain for Week: .35"
Year total rain: 13.35"
Super week ahead

*Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher*

Public Notices

Absentee voting:
9A

Obituaries

*Darwin Anderson
Marlene Beranek
Bridget
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Rose Marie Zetah*



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Plaque commemorating Duane Lund



Finishing touches

Artist Brad Wegscheid takes a paintbrush to the monument in honor of Duane Lund at Old Wadena Park north of Staples, adding various stone coloring to the monument and making it blend in to the park setting. See story on Page 10a. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

Staples-Motley Schools preparing for all possibilities

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board discussed the school's preparations for fall at their July 20 meeting, but administration chose not to go into details since state guidelines were not out yet.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said the school has spent a lot of time preparing for the three possible scenarios, a full return to school, resuming distance learning or a hybrid approach of limited students at school and others doing distance learning.

"I feel confident and comfortable where we are in this process, we did our due diligence to be prepared," said Tappe.

The school has purchased extra cleaning supplies, hand sanitizers, masks, face shields and ionizing machines to disinfect spaces such as school buses after they are used. They also have infrared temperature readers to take student temperatures without being in contact with them. "We have purchased enough to give ourselves a chance to get started if it becomes a requirement," said Tappe.

One possibility is that

school districts will be given local control to choose whether to open fully. Tappe asked the board if they would be comfortable with a full opening. Board members Brad Anderson, Bryan Winkels and Bruce Lund said they would like to see the students back in school, and Chad Longbella added that it should be done as safely as possible. Board member Greg Frisk said if all students come back, some teachers might choose not to come in. "They have priorities that are not our priorities. No matter what our choice is, we're going to be wrong," said Frisk.

Tappe said the school will follow the master agreement for teacher contracts, but will also try to accommodate teachers and students who have special requests.

Board member Mary Freeman said "We have to learn to live with this, we need to move on, move forward the best we can and keep everyone safe. There are no guarantees."

Tappe agreed there are no guarantees with any of the models, but said "We will take very precaution for the safety of our kids. There is no perfect answer, if there was, everybody would be doing it."

High School Principal

Mike Schmidt said the staff has been preparing for different scenarios since March, when schools were switched to distance learning and he's been impressed with the number of issues and solutions the teachers have thought about. "This is the greatest collaboration of strategizing I have ever been a part of," said Schmidt.

One example of coming into the fall, Schmidt said the teachers are concerned about how the students will behave emotionally when they come back.

"The kids haven't been in the building for seven months, their natural excitement and energy will come out. The staff has been amazing at what they have thought of. The high school kids are awake with social things happening in the world, and we have not been in their lives for seven months. That energy and excitement can go two different ways," said Schmidt.

In other news the board

- Accepted resignation of Jacque Doll as head tennis coach.
- Accepted resignation of Heather Sams, head speech coach.

See **SCHOOL** on page 3a

Todd County exploring how to spend \$2.98 million from CARES Act funds

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

There is quite a bit of money to be used within Todd County for COVID-19 related costs. Now it is just a matter of figuring out what they can spend the \$2.98 million plus they have received.

The money is part of specific funding from the federal government and is part of the Coronavirus relief fund for states, counties, cities, townships and other municipalities.

Qualifying costs include a necessary expenditure related to the pandemic and cannot be anything that is already budgeted for.

The coverage period is a bit different for cities versus counties with cities being March 1- November 1 and counties from March 1- December 30.

At the July 21 Todd County Board meeting, Coordinator Chris Pelzer said that it was a moving target that changes all the time, however.

There are five main categories that qualifying expenses can fall under including (but not limited to): medical expenses (COVID-19 testing), public health expenses, certain payroll expenses.

A big one was the economic support to businesses which could include grants to small businesses adversely effected by the closing early in the pandemic.

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Chairman David Kircher asked how they would go about deciding who got money and how much. There would also be conflicts of interest among many commissioners who also had businesses including commissioners Randy Neumann, Barb Becker and Rod Erickson.

The funds were received on July 7 and must be spent by December 30 or they will have to return the funds to the government. That gives the commissioners and any committees they would set up a very short time frame to figure all of this out.

The first step will be to figure out how much has already been spent and how much they anticipate will be yet to be spent to make the county and the staff prepared for whatever COVID-19 costs could come up.

Then they can figure out how much can be used for grants to the small businesses for economic support.

They have been working with Economic Development Director Rick Utech on the steps to get a committee set up, to get criteria for grants and the like.

There will be a substantial workload dedicated to this, as well.

A single audit will also need to be performed, but funds from the CARES Act can be set aside to pay for this.

The consensus was that they will be working on this and will bring something back at the August 4 meeting, according to Pelzer.

In other business

- Approved the resignation of Preston Oetterer from his position of road deputy effective July 1.
- Approved a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Long Prairie Lions Club effective August 15.

- Approved a 1-Day Dance License for the T.J.'s on Diamond Point, Inc. for September 5.
- Approved a resolution to transfer \$5670 from Fund 40-County Ditch Fund to Fund 01-General Revenue Fund, County Ditch Inspector's Department.

The transfer represents the work done by County Ditch Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp on county ditches.

- Approved the tax-forfeited land auction for August 21 with a start time of 10 a.m.
- The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State (OSS) has received funding through the 2020 CARES Act "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for the 2020 Federal election cycle."

The OSS is currently soliciting applications from counties to assist the counties and their municipalities with election-related

costs that fit within the parameters of the Federal and State laws for the use of CARES Act funds.

A default allocation of any funds received via this grant has been provided for consideration. When awarded, the County Auditor-Treasurer will facilitate working with the municipalities to determine a fair, equitable, and mutually agreeable allocation of the funds utilizing the default allocation tables provided in this grant application.

The board approved a resolution authorizing the CARES Act grant application submittal for election-related CARES Act funding to the Office of the Secretary of State.

The amount is \$32,668.95 from the grant with a local match of \$8167.24 by the county/municipalities.

- Acting as the Ditch Authority, the commissioners acknowledged receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement (HHA) Petition from Mike Irlbeck to maintain a section of County Ditch 27 in Wykeham Township Section 22.
- Also acting as the Ditch Authority, acknowledged another HHA petition receipt from Jeff Seurer to install a private crossing on County Ditch 35 in Bartlett Township Section 34.

- In their final act as Ditch Authority for this meeting, the board acknowledged the receipt of a HHA Petition from Allan Goeden to replace a private crossing on County Ditch 26 in Bartlett Township Section 24.

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- Approved granting a conditional use permit (CUP) on parcel 16-0015000 in Browerville for a 199' cellular tower with associated ground equipment with no conditions.

- Granted the rezoning of parcel 15-0044700 from Ag-Forestry 1 to Ag-Forestry 2 zoning with the condition of completion of an administrative split that meets the requirements of the ordinance prior to issuance of a land use permit.
- A subdivision request to establish a preliminary plat on parcel 15-0041900 containing four lots was approved for preliminary platting on January 21, 2020. The preliminary plat was approved with conditions of wetland delineation. After discussion, the board approved it.

- The Todd County Water Plan is set to expire on January 27, 2021. The intention is to meet the requirements of water planning by development of a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan through the One Watershed, One Plan program.

It is anticipated that all watersheds within the county will have a completed plan by 2025. For this purpose, with the support of BWSR, a request for an extension of the existing

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City Council hears complaints during public forum

Variety of items discussed during Motley’s regular meeting

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Complaints about the city’s handling of ordinance violations were once again voiced during the Motley City Council’s regular meeting July 13.

Paul and Kristal Bloomquist, residents at the 300 block of Main Street in Motley, shared their concerns during the public forum portion of the meeting, Kristal Bloomquist was the spokesperson.

She began by telling the council that on June 26, Police Chief Jason Borash and Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton had stopped by the Bloomquist residence to discuss issues pertaining to their yard. She was in the hospital at that time, Kristal Bloomquist said, going on to say that Borash and Brotherton had proceeded to discuss these issues with her mother, disclosing personal and private information, she said.

She went on to say that their family has been written up three times for having too much clutter in their yard and most recently they received \$225 worth

of citations for public nuisance safety and inoperable vehicles, Kristal Bloomquist said.

The husband and wife said that they have three children and that most of the clutter in their yard are toys. Since they keep their dogs in the back yard and their front yard is small, there is not a lot of area for the children to keep their toys. They try to have them pick everything up every weekend, the Bloomquists said.

Mayor Al Yoder told them that all conversations involving the police department are taped and they will be able to listen to those that Bloomquist had concerns about. “Pat and I will come over and talk to you, and we’ll figure it out.”

As far as the citations, Mayor Yoder said that Chief Borash “gets stuck in the middle” of these sorts of situations. “He’s doing what we ask him to do.”

In other matters the council:

- DENIED a request from Matt Svir and Sammi Barlow of Motley that they be granted an exception to the city’s ordinance regard-

ing the number of animals allowed within city limits. Svir and Barlow were not present at the meeting. Mayor Al Yoder stated that in the future agenda issues submitted by the public will only be discussed if the parties are present.

- APPROVED Fire Chief Brad Olson’s request to hire all three of the firefighters recently interviewed, pending their physicals and background checks. He noted that they still need more fire fighters on the department.
- LEARNED that the fire department’s new fire truck that was ordered over a year ago would be arriving in the near future.
- APPROVED sending Police Chief Jason Borash and MPD officer Josh Pesta to Mobile Field Force training. As part of the motion, the council also approved purchasing protective gear from Streicher’s in Minneapolis, with a total price estimate of \$2,667.99. Chief Borash mentioned that more protests are expected to take place, and if they are trained they will be able to assist in other areas if need be.

- APPROVED the police department’s request to purchase a solar powered radar sign, along with replacement batteries. As part of the request, they will not move forward on purchasing it until the second grant comes through.
- LEARNED that Motley resident Rob Sampson is in full compliance now, after having received citations recently for ordinance violations. Chief Borash said that he and Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton met with Sampson and that he was very cooperative.
- LEARNED that the city’s new pavilion at Ernie Converse Park is closer to completion. A grand opening celebration will be held at a later date.
- APPROVED having Brotherton send letters out to Motley residents who are on the weeds list.
- LEARNED from City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski that the city will be receiving COVID-19 CARES Act funding in the amount of \$49,649. After some discussion the council approved a motion to use the funds to purchase updated phones/services from CTC (Consol-

idated Telephone Company).

- APPROVED a set fee schedule for the new pavilion at \$50 for four hours, \$100 for a 10-hour day; along with a \$100 deposit. The price will be cut in half for non-profit organizations, or other groups per council discretion.
- LEARNED that Mayor Yoder and Bryniarski had conducted a probationary performance evaluation for Karen Pogreba, Administrative Accounting Assistant, which was very highly satisfactory. “She’s doing a fantastic job,” Mayor Yoder said. After some discussion the council approved advancing Pogreba to a Step 1, Pay Grade 4, with

an increase to Step 2 in six months. From there on out, every year she would be advanced another step on her anniversary date.

- HEARD from Mayor Yoder that Bryniarski is doing a great job as well. He noted that the city clerk/treasurer is very relaxed and responds to questions via email and texts in a prompt manner which is helpful.
- APPROVED motions to donate to both the Initiative Foundation and Hilltop Regional Kitchen.
- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, Aug. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

JCI Staples completes 2nd Annual Kindness Rally

On July 12, members of JCI Staples participated in their 2nd Annual Kindness Rally, a project that entailed completing random acts of kindness throughout the City of Staples.

The project was originally started by Susan Marie Dials in Michigan. Local members who participated in Staples included JCI Staples Chapter President Paige Lenk, Membership Vice President Ashley Hanson and general members Cassandra Schulke and Josi Longbottom (project chair). Also present that day were Lenk’s daughter Libby and Schulke’s children Parker and Paisley.

At the recent rally, members broke into two groups

and over the course of two hours, completed a variety of tasks in Staples.

“The event this year was even more successful than last year,” Lenk said, going on to say that between the two groups, they were able to complete 44 random acts of kindness and estimate that they were able to impact at least 200 people.

Lenk shared that the members really enjoyed this project and had a lot of fun completing random acts of kindness for members of the community. “JCI Staples looks forward to holding this project again next year. Just remember, kindness costs nothing but its value is priceless.”

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

July 17 - 22- The MPD issued speeding citations to Andrew Starks, 46; Denise Christensen, 50; Shannon Erne, 50; Nathan Bills, 20; Clara Hutchinson, 40; Delbert Bailey, 35; Jess Anderson, 25; Susan Welle-merdan, 51; Amanda Cory, 30; Zachary Bryan, 22; Christina Brakke, 40;

Jamie Pilantz, 44; Matthew Mellem, 36; Nancy Schmid, 73; Austin Link, 22; Eugene Olson, 58; Haong Ngo, 37; Noah Bowe, 20; Paul Skillman, 44; Wendy Rivas, 41; Ruth Martin, 56; Michael Williams, 33; Travis Tellock, 27; Zachary Loosbrock, 24; Jonathan Vanthof, 20; Patrick Mchale, 59; Philip Quamme, 27; John Pivec, 27; Kathryn Johnson-Paquin, 60.

July 21 - The MPD responded to an animal complaint at the 900 block of Hwy 10 in Motley.

July 20 - The MPD was flagged down by a subject who needed to jump start his semi truck. The MPD provided a jump pack, but the subject was unable to get the truck started. He then gave him the number to a tow company and local mechanic to assist.

July 20 - The MPD received a call from Unity Bank in Motley, reporting a \$50 counterfeit bill that was deposited from an area business. Contact was made with the owner of the business who stated that he checked his surveillance video but has no suspects at this time. A report and the counterfeit note was sent to U.S. Secret Service.

July 19 - The MPD was advised by dispatch of a black lab running loose in Motley near the Eastwood Hotel. It was believed to be the same dog that a woman had possession of earlier when a call was taken involving her. According to the notes, the female had a dog belonging to a man who had stolen her car, but she did not know his name. Another person flagged down the MPD to say they had the dog in their hotel unit, as they didn’t want him to get hit out on the

highway. Later, the dog was taken to the vet clinic in Staples; and a veterinarian stated that a microchip showed the dog’s name to be Moose and that he belonged to James Vance of Brainerd. An attempt was made to call Vance, but the number listed on his registration had been disconnected. The officer then spoke with the woman mentioned above and she identified a photo of Moose as being the dog that was left in her care by a male party who had taken her car. She stated the male party had signed a piece of paper stating he would return her car by 1900 hours on July 16, but he never did. She reported it as being stolen on July 19. The officer showed the woman a photo of Vance and she positively identified him as being the person who took her car.

July 18 - The MPD responded to a two-vehicle collision at the 300 block of Main St. W., Motley. No injuries reported.

July 18 - The MPD received a report of a fire alarm going off at a townhome in Motley. A member of the Motley Fire Department (and a city maintenance employee) checked it, reporting there was not an issue there and property management will handle it.

July 17 - The MPD provided assistance for a female who needed help changing a tire near the Holiday station in Motley.

July 17 - The MPD responded to a call regarding illegal burning at the 400 block of 3rd Ave. So., Motley. The officer located the subject who was having a small campfire in a fire ring. According to the report, the fire appeared very safe and there were

no concerns that it would spread.

July 17 - the MPD issued a hands-free violation citation to Jeffrey Thomas, 28.

July 17 - The MPD issued a citation to Janet Larson, 51, for failure to move over for an emergency vehicle parked along the roadway with its emergency lights activated.

July 21 - The MCSO assisted state patrol with looking for a wrong way driver on Hwy 10, south of Motley. Unable to locate.

July 21 - The MCSO responded to a report of damage to property at the 33000 block or Rolling Oaks Ln., Motley. This was a juvenile incident.

July 20 - The MCSO responded to a report of theft at the 38000 block of Danberry Trl, Pillager. The complainant stated that fishing poles and a tackle box were taken from outside of his cabin.

July 19 - The MCSO was notified by Cass County regarding a vehicle accident north of Motley on Hwy 64. The Motley Fire Department was paged.

July 17 - The MCSO arrested Jacqueline Nicole Black, 33, for a felony 5th degree controlled substance warrant out of Todd County. Black was the passenger in a vehicle stopped in Motley for equipment violations. The deputy received consent to search the vehicle and found a loaded semi automatic pistol on the front passenger seat and a small amount of marijuana that belonged to Black. Black was transported to the Morrison County Jail and is being held for unauthorized person in possession of a firearm.



Spreading kindness

Above: JCI Staples members who participated in the recent Kindness Rally included, front row from left: Chapter President Paige Lenk and her daughter Libby Mumm. Back: Project chair and general member Josi Longbottom, general member Cassandra Schulke and membership Vice President Ashley Hanson, along with Schulke’s son Parker Eggert in the center.

Below: Parker Eggert gives Staples Police Officer Bren Davis a hug and a little something to show appreciation. (Submitted photos)



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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1945

• Aug. 2, 1945 - Mrs. Elsie Bahe, of Staples, has received word from Chaplain John P. Lee, of the marine corps, relative to the death and burial of her son, Pvt. Jay Milton Bahe, who was a member of the marines in the Pacific war theatre. The letter, in part, follows:
“Your son was wounded in the heat of battle on Iwo Jima when fragments from an enemy mortar shell hit him in the head. He was given immediate first aid treatment and the finest

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medical care, but his wound proved to be fatal and he died on March 9, 1945. He was buried near his buddies in the Third Marine Division Cemetery on Iow Jima, Row 22, Grave 536. Before leaving Iwo, I visited his grave again.”
• Aug. 2, 1945 - According to figures released of a recent employment survey made in Staples and the surrounding community, there are 590 people who would be available for employment should the necessity arise here. These figures were obtained for future use by the Staples Commercial club.
• Aug. 2, 1945 - At the last meeting of the Staples school board, Clayton Huckenpoehler of Arlington, Minn., was hired as the new athletic director for the Staples high school, replacing John Haigh, who was taken into military service Thurs-

day of last week. Mr. Haigh had been head of the athletic department of the Staples schools for three years.
Coach Huckenpoehler is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with the class of 1945. While attending the University he was one of the coaches of college freshmen in basketball, football and track.

50 Years Ago - 1970

• Aug. 6, 1970 - Three retiring businessmen will be honored by the membership of the Staples Chamber of Commerce at their regular meeting Aug. 12. Lloyd Nelson, president, will convene the meeting at 6:15 p.m. at the V.F.W. hall. The honorees will be Arnold Carlson and Richard Read, who retired after 40 years of service in the grocery business, and Elfred M. Williams, who retired after 34 years with the U.S. Postal Department.
• Aug. 6, 1945 - The Staples World has been nominated for an award in the Minnesota Education Association’s annual School Bell competition, which gives recognition to news media for their contributions to education and its processes.
• Aug. 6, 1970 - Philip Anderson, owner and operator of Anderson’s Our Own Hardware in Staples, has been appointed to the Small Business Administration Advisory Council, according to an announcement this week by Mrs. Donald (Kris) Sanda of Staples and Herman Natwick of Ada, 7th District Republican officers.

25 Years Ago - 1995

• Aug. 3, 1995 - The City of Staples has a new park, thanks to action taken by



Mystery photos

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our July 30, 1970 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.

the Staples Motley school board at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

The board accepted an offer from the City of Staples to purchase the former Lincoln Model School playground and equipment for \$3,000 - \$1,800 more than their first offer.

• Aug. 3, 1995 - A two-week trip to Israel for a young girl from Aldrich proved to be an eye opening experience in several ways.

“It was really neat, cool, to walk, to be where Jesus walked,” Amanda Bilek said, recalling the spot by the Sea of Galilee where Jesus is believed to have walked on water. We weren’t supposed to walk there, but we stood on the rock anyway.”

Amanda, who received the trip as the winner of a state 4-H public speaking contest, walked where Jesus walked, visited numerous Christian and Jewish shrines, viewed Jewish Holocaust museum, and lived on a Kibbutz not too far from the Golan Heights.

• Aug. 3, 1995 - Zorayne, a Russian Folk Troupe, will be performing at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Thursday, Aug. 10.

How does a small town get to play host to performers from Russia? “Just lucky, I guess,” said Stan Carlson, Managing Director of Centennial Auditorium. “We happened to be in the right place at the right time. The agent called and asked if Centennial Auditorium could host the Russian Folk Song and Dance Troupe Zorayne (pronounced Zor-ah-eh-jay) on a particular day that they needed to fill in their schedule work. If we could, they would come at a very reasonable fee. So,” continued Carlson, “we are able to offer our area a wonderful and unusual look into another culture at a modest price.”

• Aug. 3, 1995 - Not everyone would want to live without running water or thermostatically controlled furnace, but for the Flicek family of rural Cushing, it is the lifestyle they have chosen.

“It’s a way of life for us,” Roxie Flicek said. She lives with her hus-

band, Don, and two daughters, Melea, 11, and Kira, 8, in a house that they built on 52 acres of land about four miles west of Cushing.

“We try to grow a lot of our own food,” Roxie said. They have a large garden and put up enough vegetables for the year from it. They grow apples, and are trying to grow grapes, cherries and currents. For sweetener, they tap their own maple trees and make maple syrup. They also go wild-ricing near Pillager. To round out their diet, they raise chickens, go fishing, and Don deer hunts in the fall.

10 Years Ago - 2010

• Aug. 5, 2010 - Crowned at the Miss Staples Motley Pageant held July 31 were: Katie Stone, Miss Staples Motley 2010; Carly Swenson, Miss Teen Staples Motley 2010; Zoe Greig, Little Miss Staples Motley 2010; Macy Jo Yungbauer, third little miss princess; Emma Erickson, second little miss princess; Kaila Erbe, third little miss princess; Kylee Helling, third miss teen princess; Alexis Jordan, second miss teen princess; Alyssa Johnson, third princess; Tayah Smith, second princess; Seanay Miner, first princess.

• Aug. 5, 2010 - Staples artist David Rickert has been awarded a commission to produce four works of art for the University of Minnesota Morris. Rickert completed the acrylic paintings on canvas and installed them on July 14.

• Aug. 5, 2010 - Wayne Renn will present a concert in the Staples Music in the park series on Sunday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. His performance will feature a more intimate “unplugged” performance with vocals, an acoustic guitar, fiddle and one back-up performer.

• Aug. 5, 2010 - Katie Stone and Alek Paskewitz, students at Staples Motley High School, recently attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Camp at the University of Minnesota, Crookston campus. They were sponsored by the Staples Rotary International Club.

Arrest for vehicle arson

On July 13, Staples Police responded to a report of a vehicle that had been set on fire on the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE. The suspect, Kevin Harris, 61, of Staples, was arrested for arson and threats of terror.

On July 14, Staples Police assisted Lakewood emergency room with a patient. Police later arrested the subject from a previous call for arson and threats of violence.

On July 15, Staples Police received a report of a runaway juvenile at a residence on 3rd Street NE. The juvenile was located a short time later with the assistance of a drone operated by the Wadena County Sheriff’s Department.

On July 16, Staples Police received a call on the 400 block of 6th Street NE of an animal complaint. It was reported that the neighborhood was being overrun with rabbits and stray cats. The complainant was advised that police do not take care of or respond to rabbit problems. They were also advised they could not shoot a gun or bow inside city limits. The complainant was provided a live trap for the stray cat problem.

On July 17, Staples Police along with Staples Fire Department responded to a report of a tree that fell across a home owners

deck on 8th Street NE and knocked down power lines. The complainant stated her son tried to shut the power off at the breaker and received a shock. Staples Fire stayed on scene and waited for the city power workers to arrive and secure the area.

On July 18, Staples Police responded to a residence on County Road 7 to assist Todd County with a report of a subject who committed suicide.

On July 18, Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 7th Street SE for a report of a dog that chased a juvenile down the street in an aggressive manor. Police issued the owner of the dog a potential dangerous dog form and explained the information to them.

On July 18, Staples Police received a fireworks complaint on the 200 block of Dakota Ave SE. Police searched the area and located a party on the 100 block of Wisconsin Ave SE and spoke with a subject who admitted shooting off the fireworks. The subject was advised.

On July 19, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of 2nd Street SW for a report of a gas leak. The homeowner accidentally cut the gas line while digging on his property. Police and Staples Fire assisted at the scene.

Todd County makes masks available

As of July 25, 2020, per the Governor’s Executive Order 20-81, people in Minnesota are required to wear a face covering in all indoor businesses and public indoor spaces, unless you are alone. Additionally, workers are required to wear a face covering when working outdoors in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained. Research has shown that use of face coverings can greatly reduce the risk of infection when combined with other prevention efforts such as social distancing and hand hygiene.

Types of face coverings can include a paper or disposable mask, a cloth mask, a neck gaiter, a scarf, a bandanna, or a religious face covering.

A face covering must cover the nose and mouth completely. The covering should not be overly tight or restrictive and should feel comfortable to wear.

People exempted from the face covering requirement:

- Children under age 2 years should not wear face coverings.
- Children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old are not required to wear face coverings, but are encouraged to wear them.

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All school activities are free for students

- Accepted resignations of Diana Herdina, LCA and Taylor Heldman, paraprofessional.
- Approved hiring Kelly Peterson, Adventures program.
- Approved contract for Tina Mitts, FACS/child development teacher.
- Approved meal prices with free breakfast and \$2.90 per lunch.
- Approved waiving all

activity fees for students. All activities will be free for students to participate.

- Approved season sports pass costs: \$25 for students, \$50 for adults, \$25 for senior citizens and \$100 for families. Single ticket prices are \$3 for students and senior citizens, \$5 for adults.
- Approved LTFM payment schedule for school building needs.

Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo, published in the July 6, 1995 edition of the Staples World featured Linda Elias (left) and Lesley (Jones) Glassford, from the singing duo Tuesday’s Child. Based out of Nashville, Tenn., the group was scheduled to perform at the Sonshine Festival in Willmar that weekend. Lesley is the daughter of Lyle and Ellen Jones, formerly of Motley.

Deb (Vasecka) Jordan of Staples correctly identified both women. She mentioned that she had been a fan of Tuesday’s Child and had attended their Sonshine concert. She also recalled hearing Lesley (then Jones) sing several times at the Glory Barn in Motley. Motley native Kelly Boldan, now of Willmar, correctly identified Lesley Jones Glassford. Boldan also mentioned that she is the daughter of H. Lyle Jones, former superintendent of the Motley Schools. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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Food demands for COVID-19 pandemic

water plan until December 31, 2025 to allow for the time necessary for completion of all Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans.

The board approved.
• The Hilltop Regional Kitchen (HRK) requested an annual donation in the amount of \$6,400 to support its operations.

In 2019 the HRK produced 62,964 meals to residents across Todd, Morrison and Wadena Counties, an increase of 8,800 meals from 2018.

The HRK along with Lutheran Social Services has met the meal demand caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. So far in 2020, the kitchen has produced 54,848 meals through May. These meals have supported our

local residents who are no longer able to access congregate dining and those who are unable to leave their homes.

Also, the kitchen has increased meal production to meet the needs of those in crisis across the state of Minnesota.

Chairman David Kircher asked if this was something that the county increased the donation in each year. He said there were two things the county should be involved in. One was the Initiative Foundation which was a great return on investment and the other was the HRK.

He felt that a larger amount should be budgeted for each year.

The board approved rais-

ing the donation to the HRK to \$7,000.

• Heard a brief COVID-19 update from Health and Human Services (HHS) Director Jackie Och.

• Held a closed session for the performance evaluation of Planning and Zoning Director Adam Ossefoort. After approximately a half hour, the board returned and said that the review had been very successful and

that Ossefoort had successfully completed his probationary period.

• The Policies Committee has worked to review and update Personnel Policy Article VII, Section 7.02 related to Vacation Accrual. The changes were approved.

• Held a second closed session for negotiation strategy.

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--Henry
David
Thoreau



Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame 2020 inductees

Four athletes, four coaches and two teams will be inducted into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame.

The hall of fame committee announced athletes: Dave Joerger, Randy Frisk, Tony Spandl and Jerry Cleveland, coaches: John Rengel, Ron Beachy, Tom Wolhowe and Mel Nefstead and teams: the 1982 Staples wrestling team and the 1982 and 1983 boys cross country teams.

Details for the induction ceremony to be held this fall will be announced as the event gets closer. Following is information from the nomination forms of the inductees:

Athletes

Randy Frisk (football, basketball, baseball, track and field)

Football: All State his senior year, rushed for 1,152 yards, had 51 solo tackles, 31 assists and 17 sacks. All Conference two years and lettered three years.

Basketball: All Conference, leading rebounder on the 1972-73 team that was 17-4 on the year. Three year letter winner.

Baseball: All Conference, leading hitter on team.

Track: Placed third at state in 120 yard high hurdles

David Joerger (tennis, basketball)

Tennis: State champion 1992, runner-up 1990-91, five trips to state as individual. Led Staples/Motley teams to state tournaments in 1987, and state championship teams in 1990 and 1991.

Basketball: First team All Conference as junior and senior. Professional basketball coach, with five minor league national championships; six years NBA assistant coach; and six years NBA head coach with the Memphis Grizzlies and Sacramento Kings.

Tony Spandl (football, wrestling, track and field)

Track/Field: State champion in 110 meter hurdles and pole vault. Set state record in pole vault at 14'2". Runner up in 300 meter hurdles, on 4x100 relay team that placed sixth in the state. Staples team won the state team title that year.

Football: Team captain, rushed for 230 yards in one game and a combined 320 all-purpose yards.

Wrestling: Varsity wrestler, on the 1978 state championship team and 1979 runner-up team.

Jerry Cleveland (wrestling, cross country)

Wrestling: First state wrestler from Staples; four time state entrant, placing second as a junior and third as a senior in the Class A state tournament. Wrestled at Bemidji State, placed fourth at the NCAA nationals, while returning to the Staples wrestling room to

help the high school team.

High school coach at: Cambridge/Isanti and Cass Lake-Bena; coaching multiple state champions.

Coaches

John Rengel

Coach, athletic director for 39 years at Staples High School.

When John Rengel served as athletic director, he hired a core of state level acclaimed coaches at Staples. Including: Don Dravis, Jerry Reiwer, Tom Wolhowe, Joe Joerger and Ron Beachy.

Rengel served as head coach of: baseball, basketball, football, golf, track and field. Minnesota State High School Coaches Association (MSHSCA): Hall of Fame award; President and Vice-President of MSHSCA for multiple years.

Ron Beachy (girls basketball, track and field, football) 1969-1999

Girls Basketball; 1985 state champion first and only girls championship team title; four team state track championships; two true team state track championships; 10 boys individual track state champions.

The nomination stated: "Ron was one of the most dedicated, detailed, hard-working coaches to ever coach at Staples and Staples-Motley. He spent countless hours developing every athletic program and athlete of his teams and sports he was involved in. He thoroughly prepared for every game, which enabled him to adjust to any situation during the game. Ron was more than just a student of the game. He lived each sport he coached."

Tom Wolhowe (girls tennis, boys basketball, baseball)

From the nomination form: "Tom was very knowledgeable about each sport he coached. He inspired and prepared his athletes for each game/match in a detailed, kind and caring manner. Tom spent hours scouting and analyzing other teams and players to help his athletes prepare to win. This led his teams to be competitive and very successful."

Tennis: 226 wins, 59 losses; Minnesota Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame inductee; 12 state tournaments teams, four teams placed in the top four; 14 individual state tournaments

Boys Basketball: 92 wins, 102 losses

Other Awards/Honors:

- 25 Year Club – MSHSL Coaches Association
- Staples - 1973 Region 6 Boys Basketball Coach of the Year
- Staples 200 wins/ boys basketball
- 30 years as an MSHSL official (basketball and baseball)
- Girls Softball State

Tournament umpire: 1987, 1988, 1989

• Girls State Basketball official: 1987, 1989

Mel Nefstead

Fifteen year coaching career at Staples and Staples-Motley: Boys and Girls swim coach. Section Coach of the Year 1988 and '89. Coached three individuals to four state championships. Sixth place team finish in 1988 in a ONE class state system.

Teams

Cross Country 1982 and 1983 Championships

State Meet 1982: Staples 90, La Crescent 93. Randy Reichel; third place finish overall, second in the team scores. Other runners on the team included: Darrell Crocker 7th, Ken Johnson 18th, John Gorton 27th, Craig Neimi 36th, Greg Ziegler 48th, Paul Howard 52nd.

State Meet 1983: Staples 61, Rochester Lourdes 105. This team dominated the state meet, not just the top five scorers, but all seven runners. Randy Reichel; individual champion, running 15:47, John Gorton 6th at 16:20, Ken Johnson 15th at 17:02, Craig Neimi 19th at 17:07, Greg Ziegler 20th at 17:07, Troy Bates 22nd at 17:09, and John Niemi 32nd at 17:19.

What made this team's state accomplishment amazing is that they barely made it out of the section meet, winning over Morris by eleven points. They were ranked third going into the state meet, having lost to Onamia three times during the year and Onamia losing to Rochester Lourdes. After the race, Coach Jerry Reiwer said "All seven of our runners ran the best race of their lives."

These two teams were the first state championship cross country teams in the history of Staples or Motley.

1982 wrestling

In the middle of six straight state wrestling team titles for Staples, the 1982 team stood out as one of the strongest ever. The team was as dynamic and dominant as any team before or since that time.

In the state tournament, they won 28-25 against Fertile-Beltrami, 38-18 against Waterville-Elysian and 27-24 in the final against Goodhue.

During their undefeated season they were the champions at the Staples JC's Tournament and the Paul Bunyan Tournament, won a dual meet against the Brainerd Warriors 34-25, with Brainerd going on to win the Class AA State Championship title that year, proving the Cardinals were the best team in the entire state.

The Staples team went into the state tournament with four undefeated wrestlers: Bob Sterriker, Blaine



Hall of fame team: 1982 wrestling

The 1982 state wrestling champions, pictured from right to left, manager Todd Card, Bob Sterriker, Jeff Dravis, Brian Miller, Dave Kajer, Darrell Card, Blaine Dravis, Phil Corbett and Rick Selvey; sec-

ond row, from left to right, Al Sowers, Tom Weishalla, Nick Jennissen, Chris Mayhew, Dean Jennissen, Tim Meli, Ken Rach and Coach Don Dravis.

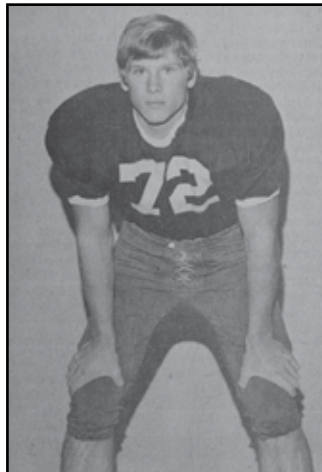


Hall of fame team: 1983 cross country

Randy Reichel receives his gold medal after the 1983 state cross country meet. Teammates cheering him on are John Gorton, Ken Johnson, Craig Niemi, Jeff Ziegler, Troy Bates, John Niemi, Pete Gorton, Greg Ziegler, Tom Doroff, Tom Garceau and Pat Bienusa.

Dravis, Phil Corbett and Jeff Dravis. They had three other wrestlers with over 20 wins on the season and less than three losses each. The four undefeated team members each reached the individual finals with three champions and one runner-up.

Each of Coach Don Dravis' seven state wrestling team champions are notable, but this particular team raised the bar of excellence and accomplishments.



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Born to Emily Turnock and Brandon Jackson of Brainerd, a baby boy, Cooper Vernard weighing six pounds, three ounces on June 5, 2020.

Born to Christina and Tim Thorsett of Motley, a baby girl, Ziva Mari weighing five pounds, 15 ounces on June 5, 2020.

Born to Joslyn and Kyle Keskitalo of New York Mills, a baby boy, Rudiger James weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on June 5, 2050.

Born to Lydia and Andy Slabaugh of Hewitt, a baby boy, Lane Theodore weighing six pounds, three ounces on June 5, 2020.

Born to Katie Denny and Ryan Bartylla of Sebeka, a baby girl, Izzabella Grace weighing eight pounds, one ounce on June 6, 2020.

Born to Faith and Kyle Kern of Wadena, a baby girl, Hadley Marie weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on June 6, 2020.

Born to Danielle McAninch and Jeremy Siltman of Backus, a baby boy, Ryder Chase

weighing five pounds, five ounces on June 7, 2020.

Born to Jill and Jason Anderson of Brainerd, a baby boy, Darby Jean weighing seven pounds, one ounce on June 7, 2020.

Born to Kylee Smith and Tate Kelderman of Wadena, a baby girl, Brynlee Jo weighing six pounds, six ounces on June 10, 2020.

Born to Amanda Lind and Josh Koering of Brainerd, a baby girl, Leighla Elidia weighing eight pounds, five ounces on June 10, 2020.

Born to Ashlea Evans and Joseph Haynes of Wadena, a baby boy, Odyn Xavier weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on June 10, 2020.

Born to Rebecca Conn and Lauren Twa of Wadena, a baby boy, Cooper Lee weighing five pounds, three ounces on June 12, 2020.

Born to Ashley Clark and Ryan Ware of Baxter, a baby girl, Ninah Nicole weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on June 12, 2020.

Rose Marie Zetah



Rose Marie Zetah, 84, of Cushing, died July 19, 2020 at her home.

Mass of Christian burial was held July 22 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Motley with Rev. Gabriel Walz officiating.

Burial was at the Motley

Public Cemetery.

Rose Marie Zetah was born January 16, 1936 at home on the farm in Ripley Township, MN to Werner and Margaret (Kraft) Konen. Rose Marie was the second oldest of 11 children. The family lived at Buckman, Hillman and Pierz, then moved to Motley in 1951. She graduated from Motley High School in 1953 and married Urban Zetah at St. Michael's Church in Motley on May 18, 1954.

Rose Marie was active in Christian Mothers, St. Monica's Circle, St. Michael's Funeral Committee, Lincoln Ladies Aid and Birthday Card Club. She enjoyed gardening, raising flowers, yard work, feeding her cats, embroidery, quilting, baking, cooking, playing cards and fishing. Rose lived on the same farm for 66 years.

She is survived by five sons, Mike (Jeanette) Zetah of Rice, Steve Zetah, Jim (Cindy) Zetah and Joe (Karen) Zetah, all of Cushing and Dan (Nedda) Zetah of Grey Eagle; three daughters, Kathy Kobliska (Steve) of Cushing, Karla Grubb (Bob Zimprich) of Cambridge and Mary Kelly Bennett (Fred) of Fridley; 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 10 siblings and close friend, Jerry Jambor of Browerville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Urban (1993); parents; one infant son, Kevin Zetah and one grandson, Nathaniel Grubb.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.



Darwin Anderson

Darwin Anderson, 57, Staples, passed away surrounded by family and friends on July 4, 2020.

A funeral service will be held August 8 at Odden's Park, Staples at 12:30 p.m.

Dar loved hunting with his kids, country drives, demolition derbies and helping others. He had a special place in his heart for his cats. He enjoyed working at Kentucky Fried Chicken in Staples and the many years he spent at Manions Lumber in Pilager.

He is survived by three sisters, Cheryl Kosowski, Kim Gerou and Pam Eckland; one brother, Mike Anderson; four children, Chris Breitenfeldt, Robbie Anderson, Levi Anderson and Jacque Anderson, one grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Waldemar and VerNel Anderson.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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
Discipleship Classes..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Soulflight (Kids Program).... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult)..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firststrongourcstaples@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.
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..... 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
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Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship..... 9:30 a.m.
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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
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July - January 11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
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of Word and Sacrament
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Motley 56466 218-352-6888
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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
City Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Matthew 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.
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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 Classes
..... 11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
..... 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Prayer..... 9:20 a.m.
Coffee / Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery 6-8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m....Meal 6:30 p.m. ...Groups

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

Check with your church to be up-to-date on service options.
Many offer remote services.

"Notes from a July 22 2020 COVID-19 Webinar"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

I'm with you. That is about the most unusual devotion title for our Staples World that I have ever come across. But, please hear me out for my reasoning. In our COVID-19 world, we have had new or additional uses of our Informational Technology world to help navigate communication through our trying times. I just now want to share what I hope are some helpful highlights from this webinar directed to church leaders. So, please know that the rest of these thoughts are from a panel of three people (two counselors and one professor).

"[In a COVID-19 world], no one-sized approach fits varying situations and personalities. Isolation accompanied by limited and cut off resources is increasing stress and depression. Normal life is being ripped away. Some are even wondering: 'Has God left us in this pandemic experience?'"

We know that grief constraints upon people are very real as loved ones have died. Grief in isolation is not meant to be handled that way when we used to have greater family and community support before COVID-19. Support systems have been compromised. In this atmosphere, our nursing home residents and hospital patients, already with unique isolation challenges, have increased loneliness in the past four

months. Phone calls to people are all the more important. We need to be proactively caring in our communication and interaction with each other.

As we have added to COVID-19, hatred and violence, God's love is needed more than ever. Let's be committed to concentrated listening to one another. We need to communicate to people that we are a safe listener for them.

In Jesus' three-one-half year ministry, he lived in a very contentious religious and political atmosphere. Yet, He did not "side" with any group Undaunted, Jesus brought the Kingdom of God in His walk with His Father. Jesus brought transformation to 11 very different apostles.

We need to foster an atmosphere of "togetherness" in going through these times, asking how we can "hold together," TOGETHER.

As with Jesus, we need to "show" our message as much as we "tell" it.

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Bridget Oeltjenbruns

Bridget Lynn Oeltjenbruns, infant daughter of Corey and Laura (Shively) Oeltjenbruns, was born July 13, 2020 at Essentia Health - St. Joseph's Medical Center, Brainerd.

God called her home to him on July 14, 2020.

Bridget's life was celebrated with a Mass of Christian Burial held July 24, 2020 at St. Mathias Catholic Church, Fort Ripley.

Interment followed at the parish cemetery.

Her life was eagerly anticipated as her siblings planned to spoil her with everything pink and give her many rides in their wagon. She is much loved and will forever be missed by her parents; siblings, Benjamin, Peter, Aaron, Rita, David and Matthew; grandparents, Steve and Iris Shively and Diane Oeltjenbruns; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

We have the hope and faith she is playing in heaven with her cousins who preceded her in death, Renaldo, Gabriel and Eli Ray.

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Summer heat means hot pan fish bite

By Ray Gildow

Panfish are the most sought-after fish in America and the best time to be fishing for them in the upper Midwest is July and August. Water temperatures are nice and warm and pan fish go on a feeding binge that will last until the water starts to cool down in September.

The best thing about pan fishing is that it doesn't take a lot of skill to be successful. If the fish are cooperating, the action can be almost non stop and the biggest challenge is getting through the little ones to catch the keepers. Locating panfish, especially on a new lake, requires some skill, but once they are found hang on to your rod!

The best place to look for sun fish, blue gill and crappies during the day is along the edges of vegetation. The warm water stimulates vegetation growth that produces oxygen which provides an underwater world of food for the fish. On some days, the fish can be a shallow as three to four feet deep while others days they can be found as deep as thirty feet. Often, but not always, the bigger fish will be found below the smaller ones making it a real challenge to get the bait down to the preferred fish.

I like to troll very small crank baits along the edges of vegetation until I find a

school of fish and then I will mark the spot on my locator and fish to see if I can find some keepers, those fish from eight to nine inches long. Anything over ten inches long is really a trophy and should be released.

I usually fish with artificial bait when fishing for panfish. There are so many good products now that fool the fish. I use plastics that are hard and soft. Today's bait is so realistic that the fish hang on and don't let go. But if you prefer live bait you can use waxworms, small leeches, grasshoppers, crickets, and worms. They all work just fine but be prepared to go through a lot of bait!

One of the neat things that has been on the market for a while is the five-gallon panfish cleaner. They go by different names but the basic idea is to put 15-20 fish in a five-gallon pail that has stainless steel ribs and a paddle. The paddle is connected to a standard drill in the center of the pail. The pail is filled about half full of water. The drill is turned on for about a minute. The end result is about 80 percent of the scales are gone and the cleaning can be finished with a hand scaler. It is fast and pretty efficient. It is a very neat way to clean a mess of panfish.

But for sure the best part of pan fishing is the eating!! Nothing like a good meal of fresh fish.

More opportunities for deer hunting this year

Hunters can start planning ahead for the deer season with the release of the 2020 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping regulations handbook, now available on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources deer hunting page at mndnr.gov/hunting/deer.

"This season, hunters in general will see more chances to harvest deer,"

said Barbara Keller, DNR big game program leader. "These opportunities are due to increases in deer populations in much of the state and as part of our response to chronic wasting disease in southern Minnesota."

Hunting licenses go on sale Saturday, Aug. 1, and are available at any DNR license agent, by telephone at 888-665-4236, or online at mndnr.gov/buyalicense.

The popular youth deer hunting season continues and will happen statewide Oct. 15-18. During last year's inaugural statewide youth season, nearly 5,700 young deer hunters harvested a deer, which represented a 77 percent increase from the previous season when it was limited to fewer areas.

"Positive early hunting experiences go a long way toward starting or continuing a rewarding fall tradition," Keller said. "We're excited to be able to continue providing this great opportunity that helps adults introduce youth to all that deer hunting has to offer."

Other deer season changes include:

The DNR has expanded the early antlerless deer season, Oct. 15-18, to include more deer permit areas in central and southeastern Minnesota. The season increases opportunities for hunters in areas where deer populations are above population goals, or where there is an increased risk of chronic wasting disease spreading. Permit areas open during the hunt are 213, 214, 215, 341, 342, 343, 344, 604, 605, 643, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649 and 655.

Several deer permit area boundaries in north-central and northwestern Minnesota have changed due to input from the public and DNR staff during the deer population goal-setting process, or in response to CWD spread. Hunters should double check the boundaries of any permit areas where they plan to hunt.

CWD testing requirements

There are significant changes to the regulations related to chronic wasting disease, as the DNR continues its aggressive management of CWD and also ensuring hunter and staff safety by implementing sampling changes that allow for social distancing and community mitigation measures.

The DNR has created additional CWD testing areas due to the detection of CWD in both wild and captive deer in new areas last year. While sampling is voluntary this season, a move the DNR made to mitigate the risk of spreading coronavirus during the COVID-19 pandemic, the DNR highly encourages hunters in these sampling areas to participate in testing their harvested wild deer. The DNR remains confident that hunter cooperation will allow the agency to detect the disease.

Since fall 2017, the DNR has required hunters to have their deer tested for CWD in certain areas of the state to monitor the disease and discover new areas where it may have spread. Rather than having staffed sampling stations as in the past, the DNR will set up a network of self-service stations where hunters can drop off samples. Full details will be available on the CWD webpage closer to the start of the season.

On July 1, deer feeding and attractant bans were expanded to include the metro area. In addition, due to the spread of CWD, the antler point restrictions in southeastern Minnesota have been temporarily lifted and cross-tagging, also known as party hunting, will be allowed in southeastern Minnesota for antlered bucks.

As in previous years, the DNR is enforcing carcass movement restrictions in disease management and control zones to limit the spread of disease.

Additional regulation changes are detailed on the DNR's deer hunting webpage at mndnr.gov/hunting/deer.

Feed Me, I'm Yours (or maybe not)

Thirty years ago, a book entitled Feed Me, I'm Yours, arrived in the parenting section of book stores. Its cover art was a photograph of an adorable, satisfied looking toddler, whose face was smeared with the colorful evidence of several food groups! The author, who specialized in parenting books, had gathered popular recipes to help parents prepare healthy foods for their tots and toddlers.

This book came to mind as I've been observing the goings-on among the birds in our neighborhood, in the process of raising and feeding their young. There are some radical differences in parenting between different bird species, but each apparently has a method that works, if that species survival is the proof of the pudding.

A family of merganser ducks, a hen and eight tiny ducklings, has been spending time along the shoreline near the family cabin. I've startled them when I take the path down to the dock, or plug in the pump that draws water for irrigating my wife's garden. Although the common merganser is in the class of waterfowl called "diving ducks," very young ducklings are not even capable of flight, let alone ready for underwater pursuit of fish—their primary food as an adult.

In the shallows right near shore, however, there are always schools of small minnows, as well as snails, and aquatic insects that ducklings are capable of catching. It's good that they are, too, because—while mama merganser tends them, and does her best

to keep them away from danger—she generally doesn't provide them with food that she herself has caught. She takes them where there is food to be found, leads by example, and the little ones pick it up by some combination of inborn instinct, observation, and trial-and-error.

Her ducklings left the nest one or two days after hatching. In this case, "nest" was a wooden box mounted on a tree by the property owner next door. In all probability it was placed there with the hope that it would be occupied by a wood duck, which—like the merganser—is a tree cavity nester. But it is often a matter of first come, first served, and this spring a female merganser got to the box first.

Contrast this with the pair of Eastern bluebirds that are occupants of a man-made nesting box mounted on a pole in the yard. I've been watching both male and female as they make trips to and from the nesting box. Unlike the ducklings that left their nesting box at one or two days—the term for that is "precocial"—the bluebird nestlings are dependent on parents for between two and three weeks. They're born helpless, and if not for the constant attentiveness of parents bringing them food, would perish.

Bluebirds have always reminded me of swallows, but they are really members of the thrush family. They are primarily consumers of insects, one reason they are migratory. They capture insects on the ground, and are said to be capable of seeing them many feet away, but are also agile enough to capture them in flight. Of course, at this time of year the adults are not doing this for themselves alone, but are returning regularly to the nest to feed their young.

Eastern bluebird numbers declined in the early part of the 20th century, due to competition from

such foreign species as the European starling and the so-called English sparrow. But, like the wood duck that was brought back to abundance and to huntable numbers by artificial nesting structures, the same happy result was achieved with campaigns to erect bluebird nest boxes—"bluebird trails," some campaigns were called—these boxes designed to keep out the larger starlings.

There are also birds that shirk some of their parental duties. The redhead duck, one of the most popular hunted species over the long history of waterfowl, has a habit—the hen, obviously—of laying eggs in the nests of other ducks, and letting the victim parent raise their offspring. This habit is called "brood parasitism." Is it a hedge against the possibility that her own nesting might be unsuccessful?

This phenomenon has been the subject of lengthy research by biologists. Some redhead hens will lay eggs only in the nests of other ducks. Some raise their own brood in addition to laying eggs in other ducks' nests. Some will do one thing one year, and another the next. Wetland habitat conditions—good or poor—the age and health of the hen, and the availability of other ducks' nests nearby, are thought to all play a part in what a redhead hen does. So much for responsible parenting!

But perhaps the epitome of unconventional parenting is that of the cowbird, the most common here in Minnesota being the brown-headed sub-species. Unlike the redhead, the cowbird rears no young. It lays one egg in each nest it parasitizes, deposited for that female to hatch, feed and raise. It's typical that the victim female is of a smaller species. The cowbird nestling is typically larger than its nest mates, hatches sooner, and is therefore likely to dominate the

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Filming the artist at work

Scott Knudson, Lakeland PBS films artist Brad Wegscheid as he begins the process of installing the bench monument at Old Wadena Park June 5. Wegscheid had installed the nine pieces to make a functional bench that will have a plaque commemorating Duane Lund. The installation will be aired on PBS's show "Common Ground" this spring. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

Artist installs memorial art at Old Wadena Park

Functional art is now a permanent icon at Old Wadena Park. Artist Brad Wegscheid of Wadena recently completed the installation of a sculpture, a memorial to the late Dr. Duane Lund. Upon Lund's passing in 2016 the outdoor advocate had made a contribution to the Old Wadena Society, a non-profit organization and unofficial "keepers" of Old Wadena Park located north of Staples along the Crow Wing River.

As a board member of the Old Wadena Society for the past three years, Wegscheid was part of the discussion of what and how best make use of Lund's wishes. An idea to add more benches for park goers and campers was one of the suggestions. Swimmers, hikers, canoeists and fisherwomen and men also are regular visitors to the park.

But Wegscheid couldn't get over the idea of purchasing a ready-made park bench. His artist's eye came up with a more natural, useful idea. Why not a monument in the form of a bench that blended with the rural setting of the flowing river waters, trees and surroundings?

Wegscheid said he could design and make the structure himself and that he would enjoy giving back by adding something to the peaceful park. The bench would also include a plaque in memory of Lund.

Wegscheid sculpted nine pieces using cement and other material, letting them dry in his yard... conversation pieces, to be sure. On June 25 the pieces were unloaded at Old Wadena Park, the day that Wegscheid was being

filmed for the Lakeland Public Television show "Common Ground". Friend and former high school mate Scott C. Knudson was filming the installation. Knudson is Managing Legacy Producer/Director at Lakeland Public Television in Bemidji also is a digital film-maker. As producer, director, writer and editor Knudson seeks material emphasizing education, entertainment, enrichment and enlightenment.

By end of the afternoon saw Wegscheid completing layers of cement on the seams of the piece as Knudson had him explain (almost) every move and why he was doing it. On a hot summer day in the park with just the whisper of a breeze, hikers, kayakers, even a neighbor ventured out to look at the six foot tall plus sculpture to ask, "What are you making?" An answer for all and a little commentary inbetween gained a lot of attention especially when Knutson was behind the camera.

Plans to revisit the park were made to continue filming on July 7 when Wegscheid would add coloring to naturalize the bench.

"I want it to look like layers of rock instead of globs of cement," he said.

He also completed the landscaping around the base portion. After 5 p.m. that evening, Wegscheid posted the finished photo of his piece stating, "The memorial bench/sculpture in Old Wadena Park north of Staples is done! It's not a super fancy fine art piece but it is a very functional good looking work."

This spring, Knutson hopes to have the memorial/bench episode air on

LPTV (sknudson@lptv.org). Once again working with his friend, the pair have a pleasant, personal air that makes the "work creation" seem effortless.

Wegscheid explained that his family has history in the area and says he is probably related to quite a few Wegschiefs which he gets asked a lot. He enjoys giving back and loves nature. He has lived in Duluth and Detroit Lakes, leaving his family to attend high school in Golden Valley. He continues to work on the family tree and maintains a Wegschiefs website. His other line of work is substitute teaching.

From his website Wegscheid says: "I have been making art most of my life." He graduated high school from The Perpich Center for Arts Education in Golden Valley. After high school he received a bachelor of arts in graphic communication from Northern Michigan University. He spent over a decade doing commercial art in the mid-west, working mostly with traditional commercial printed work, including newspaper, magazines, billboards and cardboard displays.

Currently, he focuses on ceramic sculptures and tile. He also does some illustration, woodworking, graphic design and commissioned work. "I more or less moved from the graphic design arts now into the fine arts," he said. He recently finished a smaller scale bench for Sprout in Little Falls including installation.

Check out his website at macaronicircus.com (bradwegscheid.com) facebook.com/macaronicircus. Film episodes of Common Ground with Wegscheid completing other projects can also be found on his site.

Other sites to visit: oldwadenarendezvous.org (the rendezvous has been canceled for 2020)

co.wadena.mn.us (Parks). County campgrounds are open for overnight camping. Wadena County maintains 10 parks along the Crow Wing River Canoe Trail.

Crash on Huntersville trail

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a report on July 19, at approximately 7:23 p.m. of an off-highway motorcycle crash northeast of Huntersville Forest Rd and 360th St. on the trail system in the Huntersville State Forest. It was reported that one rider had crashed and was reporting injuries.

Upon arrival, the deputy learned from the rider, Jamie Johnson, of Minneap-



New owners at The Shante

Kassie and Travis Myers of Motley are the new owners of The Shante in Pillager. They are pictured above at one of the new tables that have been constructed out of wine barrels. In addition to the variety of coffee beverages offered, the Myers have added a wine bar to their establishment, offering wines to complement food items on their menu. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Motley couple new owners at The Shante in Pillager

Wine bar added, expanded menu

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Travis and Kassie Myers are the new owners of The Shante, the popular coffee shop/eatery in Pillager, located just off Highway 210 at 649 Pillsbury St. N.

Initially started by Anna Hunstad about a decade ago, the husband and wife duo purchased the business establishment in March.

Just in time for the COVID shutdown, the Myers noted during a recent interview, adding that they were only able to offer drive-thru service for their first few months of ownership.

They used the partial closing to their advantage, taking time to learn the ropes of their new business, making some cosmetic changes and adding a wine bar to the mix.

The Myers are not strangers to the hospitality business. Kassie is the owner of Countryside Restaurant in Motley and Travis works in sales for Dacotah Paper Co. out of Fargo.

High school sweethearts, Travis and Kassie (Lubitz) both graduated from Staples-Motley High School in 2009. They are excited for this opportunity to work at The Shante together.

It was during a date night at a wine bar that the Myers were inspired to add that aspect to their new coffee shop. They wanted to keep The Shante a family-oriented establishment, but also bring in something unique to the area.

The Myers took time to research wines and settled on those they felt paired well with their menu. Currently, they have 25 different selections available, representing vineyards from across the globe, including California, Italy, France and Germany. "I love our house red wine," Kassie

said, pointing to a bottle of California Cabernet.

To complement this new aspect of The Shante, the Myers brought in new tables made from wine barrels. The tables, as well as the wine rack, were built by local crafters and Travis did all of the finishing work.

Kassie noted that the tables are all spaced in keeping with the government mandates due to COVID-19.

In addition to adding wine to the menu, the Myers have introduced a new brand of coffee as well as syrups. They have also expanded their food menu.

The wine bar is an addition to The Shante, not a replacement, Travis emphasizes. Kassie agrees, noting again their desire to keep this a family-oriented place. "I love that you can have a kid eating ice cream while someone at the table is enjoying a glass of wine," she said.

To add to the ambiance of the wine bar, the Myers plan to have live acoustic music on the weekends. Travis noted that local guitarist Jim Olsen was scheduled to play in the upcoming weeks.

"We are really excited to be able to continue The Shante and bring this new additional service (wine) to the community," Travis said. "We are thankful for the customers who have patronized us during these tough times and look forward to bright and new

beginnings."

The Shante is open on Monday - Wednesday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursday - Saturday, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and closed on Sunday. Wine (as well as a few select beers and dry wine spritzers) is served from 3 - 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 218-746-4412.



Home decor, gifts available

In addition to offering food and beverages, The Shante in Pillager is the place to find home decor and other crafts items for sale. Some are on consignment from local artisans.



Two artistic friends

Both discovering their avenues of artistic occupations, friends Brad Wegscheid and Scott Knudson pause for a photo together.



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