

Smoky sun Smoke from Canadian forest fires obscured the sun on a cloudless day in Staples July 29. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 4	86°	65°	Cloudy
Aug. 5	86	60	P. Cloudy
Aug. 6	88	65	M. Cloudy
Aug. 7	83	63	Rain
Aug. 8	88	63	Sunny
Aug. 9	87	61	M. Sunny
Aug. 10	82	58	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2020			
	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 4	72°	45°	Sunny
Aug. 5	75	51	M. Sunny
Aug. 6	76	57	M. Sunny
Aug. 7	77	67	P. Sunny
Aug. 8	80	70	P. Cloudy
Aug. 9	75	70	Rain
Aug. 10	74	57	Sunny

Average Temps:
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No Precip
Above Normal Temps for August

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Little Red Caboose has new engines

A new production team is taking over the Little Red Caboose Variety Show, an entertainment event held during Staples Railroad Days. This year Lamplighter Community Theatre and the Staples Area Men's Chorus will put on the show Thursday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Previously, the show had been produced by the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation. The lineup for the show has not been finalized, but

there will be a mix of local entertainers providing music, acting and comedy, much like other shows. Proceeds from the event will go to scholarships for Lamp Camp, the summer acting camp put on by Lamplighter, and to Real Men Sing, the regional choir festival organized by the Men's Chorus. Advance tickets can be purchased online at the Lamplighter web site, lct-staples.com, for a lower price. Full price tickets will be available at the door.

Chamber starts Penny Wars in Staples

Local businesses will face off at fundraising during a new event for Railroad Days in Staples, Penny Wars. The Staples Chamber of Commerce is placing Penny Wars jars in participating businesses during the weeks before Railroad Days. Patrons are asked to place coins into the jars of businesses to earn points, but dollar bills can be placed to subtract points from that business.

The winning organization will have the honor of being the Railroad Days Royalty for the 2022 celebration. The coins and bills will be counted Sunday, Aug. 21, the last day of Railroad Days. Funds raised by Penny Wars will go towards a headliner act for the 2022 Railroad Days, perhaps with the new royalty getting a say in what type of entertainment to bring to town.

Old Wadena to host 29th anniversary event

By Tom Crawford

While it has been two years since the last event, the weekend of August 14 and 15 will see the 29th anniversary of the Old Wadena Rendezvous and Chautauqua taking place at the Old Wadena County Park just north of Staples.

The first Rendezvous was staged in the summer of 1992, organized that year by the Wadena County Historical Society to note the 200th anniversary of a 1792 battle (more likely a slight skirmish) that took place in the neighborhood of Old Wadena. A Native American band of Ojibwe had confronted a French fur trapper, Jean Baptiste Cadotte and his party of French fur trappers, but a full scale battle was averted. With the exception of last year when the event was canceled due to the coronavirus restrictions, there has been a Rendezvous gathering at Old Wadena every year. The 2021 Rendezvous will include entertainment on the Old Wadena stage both days. Long time crowd favorites Curtis and Loretta take the stage at 1 p.m. both days of the Rendezvous.



Old fashioned activities

Kids learn how to get a wooden puppet to dance at the Old Wadena Rendezvous held in 2019.

They mix their own original music with traditional favorites. Dave Virnala brings his ballads again to Old Wadena both days at 11:30 a.m. Also returning is the bluegrass and gospel music group Purple Hulls. Providing entertainment for young and old will be two different puppet shows, one by Paulino Brener and the other by Lisa Winter. Chautauqua classes will be conducted each day, with

the only charge for taking a class the price of admission. Participants are asked to register by email to info@oldwadenarendezvous.org All materials needed will be provided. Classes scheduled are:

- playing the ukulele taught by Curtis and Loretta,
- making traditional wooden flutes, taught by

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‘Culture Camp’ in NYC, a life-changing experience for Staples church group

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Six youth group members at Staples Alliance Church, along with four adult leaders, had the opportunity to attend Culture Camp in New York City July 10 - 15.

The camp was part of the Alliance denomination's Envision NYC, a cross-cultural immersion experience for high school students.

Staci Schultz, one of the leaders, said she had learned of Culture Camp through an Instagram advertisement promoted by Envision New York City. Her interest was immediately piqued, Schultz said, when she read that it was a cross-cultural immersion experience for students.

"I believe a global perspective is important for all of us, but especially beneficial to students as they are discovering who they are in this world. I was hopeful Culture Camp would provide global perspective for our students and it did not disappoint," Schultz said.

Students who were part of the Staples group included Leah Bestland, Ashley Robben, Grace Jennissen, Aften Robinson, Isaiah Schultz and Keller Anderson. In addition to Staci Schultz, adult leaders included her husband, Nick Schultz, Corey Robinson, and Sarah Jennissen.

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Exploring the Big Apple

While attending Culture Camp in New York City recently, a group from Staples Alliance Church had the opportunity to do some sight-seeing along the way. They are pictured by the commemorative statue of Father Duffy (standing in front of a Celtic cross) at Duffy Square in Manhattan, located in the northern triangle of Times Square. Front row, from left: Ashley Robben, Aften Rob-

inson, Mara Harrington (a student from Ohio who joined the Staples group for the week), Nick Schultz, Leah Bestland, Staci Schultz. Back row: Isaiah Schultz, Sara Jennissen, Corey Robinson, Keller Anderson, Grace Jennissen; and Noah, a Culture Camp Intern. (Submitted)

Two dead in Wadena Township house fire

On Aug. 1, at approximately 3:50 a.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office was notified of a house fire in Section 32 of Wadena Township. Upon the arrival of emergency personnel, a juvenile was located outside the residence with minor burns. Fire Department personnel entered the residence and located two adults inside the house. The two adults were removed from the residence, and life saving measures were performed. The efforts were unsuccessful and the two adults were pronounced deceased at the scene. The juvenile was transported to Tri-County Healthcare for treatment of his injuries and was released a short time later.

The scene is still under investigation by the Wadena County Sheriff's Office, Wadena Fire Department, and State Fire Marshal's Office. Also assisting on scene were the Verndale Fire Department, Tri-County Healthcare Ambulance, Karvonen Funeral Home, and Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative. Names of the victims are being withheld pending proper notification to family. The victims were transported by Karvonen Funeral Home to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office for autopsy.



Solar panels up and running in Staples

The first solar panels recently installed and fully operational within the city of Staples are located at the home of Dennis and Lynnelle Hanson, 4th Street SW in Staples. The panels, located on the back side of the garage, were installed by H & R Electric of Staples aided by city workers. It is the first within city limits, in an effort to continue to encourage "going green". Above, left to right: Zach Hanson and Mike Rollins, H & R Electric; Jason Anderson, Joel Lingenfelter and Scott Grabe, City of Staples employees. (Submitted photo)

Staples to embark on downtown revitalization

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) approved a proposal to bring more development to downtown Staples. At their July 27 meeting, the board reviewed a proposal from University of Minnesota Extension staff Neil Linscheid and Ryan Pesch to identify downtown and retail development opportunities through a community engagement process, then create action plans based on the results.

"This would be a vision for the entire community," said Economic Development Director Melissa

Wyman. She added that people from many sectors throughout the community will be asked to participate, not just those who work or live downtown.

Wyman said the Staples Chamber has done some work towards downtown revitalization and that work can be incorporated into this process. She said the Minnesota Design Team did a study more than 10 years ago and had some ideas for downtown but it "wasn't as reasonable" and didn't put people in position to carry out the action plan.

"This will help identify businesses that would make sense to go downtown and be easier to attract," said Wyman. "It will be taking data and seeing that it is a reasonable dream."

The plan calls for the process to start Sept. 15. The SEDA will pay \$4,000 for the extension educators to implement the develop-

ment process. Wyman said she has seen other similar services that have a value of \$10,000 or more.

Board member Shane Tappe pointed out that if the process brings just one business downtown, it will pay for itself in one year.

Housing

Wyman said housing is in high demand in Staples, particularly for CLC students. She said the new Cardinal Pines addition will help, but the city is mostly in need of single family housing.

Board member Doug Case said 38 percent of the city housing are rentals, leading to a high transient population. "We don't feel that sense of community any more," said Case.

Wyman said a lot of younger people prefer renting early in their career, which is a way to put down roots in the community.

Lakewood Health System

CEO Tim Rice told the SEDA that senior housing is also in high demand at this time. He said there is a waiting list of 25 people who want to get into senior housing in Staples right now.

The board agreed to have future discussions on how to increase single family housing and senior housing for the community.

In other news, Wyman said Wadena County is forming a tax abatement committee so that all economic development projects in the county can have similar access to tax breaks in order to spur development.

Wyman said there has been a lot of interest in the McKechnie industrial building in Staples, but some businesses feel it is too far away from their workforce in Minneapolis or Brainerd and others feel the building is too big for their current needs.



Food shelf donation

Unity Bank in Motley recently donated \$776 to the Motley Area Food Shelf, money raised during their "Jeans for a Cause" staff fundraiser. Pictured, from left, are Marlene McQueen, bank employee; MAFS Director Sherry Frisk; and Deb Alexander, bank employee. (Submitted photo)



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Police reports

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

July 26 - The MPD received a report of property damage at the 700 block of Postel Dr., Motley. The complainant reported that during the storm that occurred two days earlier, his trampoline in the yard had been tossed by the high winds and struck his work vehicle, causing damage.

July 23 - The MPD assisted the DNR with a call of an injured bear at the 34000 block of Cty 28, Motley, as the conservation officer was on another assignment. The MPD located the bear and dispatched it.

July 22 - The MCSO arrested Shane Elvin Pfeifer, 41, at his employment in Motley for theft of a motor vehicle in Hubbard County. He was transported to the Morrison Cty Jail.

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• Aug. 1, 1946 - A hay stack on the Roy Connor farm in Thomastown township was struck by lightning Sunday evening during the severe storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Connor saw the lightning strike the hay stack, and by quick action they were able to save the stack from burning. They did this without the assistance of any neighbors.

With the price of feed at the present time, Mr. and Mrs. Connor feel that they save a great deal by being

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able to put out the fire in their hay stack.

• Aug. 1, 1946 - Douglas Bates, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bates of Staples was taken ill Monday evening of this week. On Tuesday evening his parents took him to the University hospital, and word was sent back to Staples Wednesday morning that Douglas was suffering with an acute case of Polio (Infantile Paralysis).

This is the fourth case to develop in Todd County, the first one being at Eagle Bend early in July. Kathleen Eldred age 7 of Grey Eagle is also a victim of the disease, and is at the university hospital at the present time, where attending physicians state that there will be no after effects of the disease. The third case to come to light was that of Jennings Kooda, 14-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kooda of Eagle Bend. The little lad is in the hospital where he is progressing satisfactorily.

Twenty cases were reported in Todd County last year at this time. Only one fatality has occurred this year.

People are admonished to take all care and precaution, of a few of the simple rules, to keep this dreaded disease from spreading in this community, and the best way is to consult a physician if the child is not in the very best of health at all times, as the symptoms are so simple at first that many of these cases develop into an advanced stage before a doctor is called.

By calling their physician immediately, Mr. and Mrs. Bates found out that the symptoms were applicable to polio, and the attending physician advised them to take Douglas to the



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Aug. 5, 1971 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? 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.

University hospital immediately where he is at the present time, and where he is receiving the best of medical care.

• Aug. 1, 1946 - Under construction at the present time are three new homes in Staples, the first to be built since the war. Two of the homes are located on North Fifth Street and the third is located on South Sixth Street.

50 YEARS Ago - 1971

• Aug. 5, 1971 - The Cardinal Marching Band of Staples high school will definitely be going to Dallas to participate in the Grande Parade of the National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Aug. 17.

This was verified at a meeting of the V.F.W. Committee and parents and band members last week, at which time, it was announced that the necessary funds for the transportation, lodging and tours had been received.

At the meeting Monday evening, Mrs. Effie Moon, V.F.W. fund chairman, announced that \$8,118.66 had been raised to date for the Band to Dallas fund and additional amounts were deposited with James D. Randgaard, fund administrator, by press time Tuesday, brining the total raised to date to \$8,307.26.

The band members and chaperones will depart from Staples Sunday, Aug. 15, at 12:30 p.m. and will travel to St. Cloud where they will board the three chartered buses of the Voigt's Bus Lines to begin the trek to Dallas, Texas.

Their expected arrival time in Dallas will be about 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16. They will be checking in at the Ramada Inn at Irving, Texas, where they will be staying during their days in the convention city. In addition to participating in the parade, the band members will have the opportunity to tour the Dallas area and Six Flags of Texas, which is similar to Disneyland. The group will leave for home the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 18; and are expected to arrive back in Staples Thursday afternoon or early evening, Aug. 19.

• Aug. 5, 1971 - The Staples Jaycees retained their title as Region 24 champions in Slowpitch softball as a result of winning the tournament held in Wadena Aug. 1. Members of the team are Ken Hassler, Ron Peterson, Fred Bergsrud, Joe Carlson, Jack Nelson, Don Peterson, Jack Hawk, Paul Wicht, Ron Peet, Bill Smith and Lee Jenkins.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

• Aug. 1, 1996 - Three candidates, the incumbent and two challengers, will be in the running in the primary election on Sept. 10 for the First District County Commissioner position in Todd County.

Seeking to oust the incumbent, Stan Sumey, will be Art Manning and Donald Westling.

• Aug. 1, 1996 - A building that has been a burnt out hulk on Highway 10 in Staples for over three years is destined for a new use.

The former Donovans Bowling Alley is set to house various government offices.

The North Central Service Cooperative board of directors voted Monday night to authorize the purchase of the building and begin the process of remodeling into office space.

Gary Nytes, NCSU executive director, said Tuesday his board was aiming at spending around \$390,000 on the total project, including purchasing and remodeling the 175 foot long, 50 foot wide building. They hope to be in the new offices around Christmas time.

• Aug. 1, 1996 - Jazz pianist George Mauer will present an outdoor concert Aug. 10, 7 p.m., at the home of Pat and Carolyn Held on Sham-ineau Cty Rd. 202.

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

• Aug. 4, 2011 - Five students at Staples Motley High School will be attending All State Choir the first week of August at St. Olaf College in Northfield. They include singers Ryan Long, Becca Harris, Andrew Nelson, Aaron Carter and Sarah Paskewitz.

• Aug. 4, 2011 - Members of the Motley United Methodist Church youth group participated in a week-long missions trip to St. Louis, Mo. in early July.

It was a life changing experience for everyone, said Pastor Greg Ciesluk, who served as one of the adult leaders on the trip. Youth group members who went on the trip included Andrew Ciesluk, Austin Wohler, Tristin Long, Carly Bell, Ellen Swartz and Dawn Swartz. In addition to Pastor Ciesluk, adult leaders included Donna Nadeau, Dawn Wohler and Heidi Christenson.

• Aug. 4, 2011 - The Staples Lumberbats clinched their first trip to the region tournament on July 30. As the third seed in the Lake & Pine south Division play-offs, they ended up winning three straight games and losing none on their way to the division title.



Songwriting tent

Curtis and Loretta lead a songwriting session at the Old Wadena Rendezvous in 2019.

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Canoe builder back

Jake Kaehne -and making your own barn quilt with instructor Cynthia Buchholz.

Activities taking place around the Old Wadena campground will include the Crow Wing Muzzleloaders encampment, horse drawn wagon rides with Gregor Wegscheid, naturalist presentation by Dick Oehlenschlager and others. Demonstrations will include blacksmithing, maple syrup making, bee-keeping, hand painting and birch bark canoe construction.

For the younger set, Jon Hamberg will be guiding in the making of bird houses, while Ray Baune from Wadena will put youngsters to work making rope to take home.

Several popular activities from previous years will be back. Local artist Lowell Bayerkohler will again be on hand with his pottery wheel, while Cheryl Bannes returns to demonstrate pit fired pottery.

Many of the members of the Crow Wing Muzzleloaders, re-enactors who demon-

strate the fur trapping lifestyle prior to 1840, have been valuable partners with the Old Wadena Society, the Rendezvous organizers, for the entire 29 year history.

The Rendezvous runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, with gates open at 9 a.m. On Saturday only, free rides to the Rendezvous from both Staples and Wadena is being offered through Friendly Rider by calling 218-631-5730 before August 14 to schedule your ride. You will also receive free admission if you ride the bus.

For other details and full schedule, check the Old Wadena Society website at www.oldwadarenendezvous.org

This year's event was made possible through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council, through an appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Additional support came from Wadena County, the Staples Motley Community Foundation and the Staples Host Lions.

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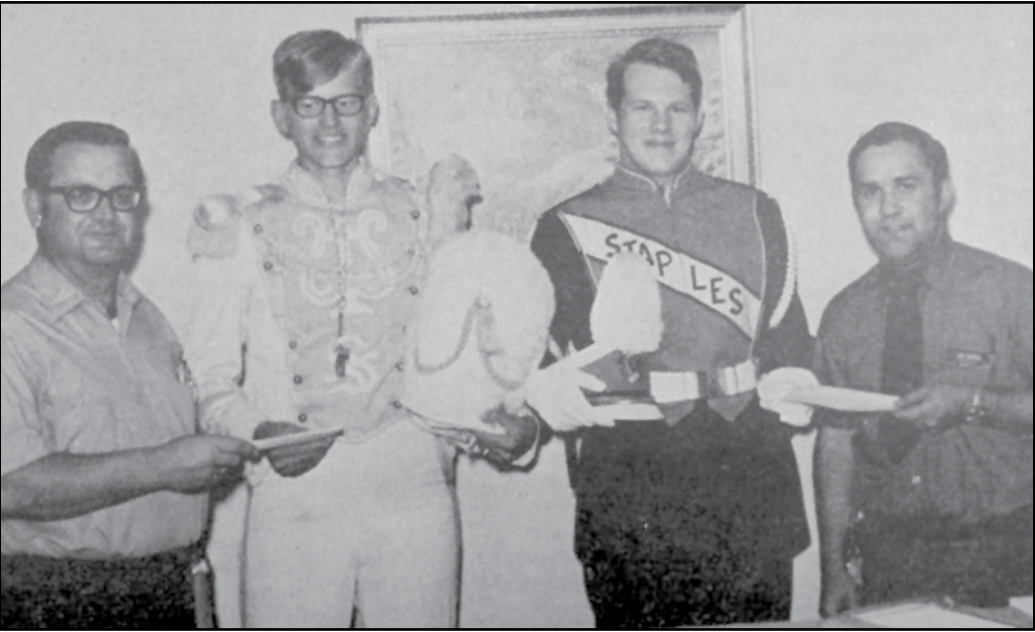
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"Time fades everything...
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Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the July 22, 1971 edition of the Staples World, featured members of the Staples Cardinal Marching Band receiving two checks totaling \$1,000, with the funds going toward the band's trip to the National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars parade in Dallas, Texas, that coming Aug. 17.

Pictured from left: Robert Mueller, VFW Post Commander in Staples, presented a \$500 check to Kent Christopherson, drum major, with \$400 from the Robert W. Hand Post 1910 and

\$100 from the State V.F.W. Pat Quance, an active member of the Cardinal Band, received a \$500 check from James Hofer, president of the Staples Chamber of Commerce.

Staples native Roger Braith, now of Isle, correctly identified Bob Mueller and Pat Quance. Braith noted that he and Quance both graduated from Staples High School in 1973. Mary Sperley of Staples correctly identified all, as well as the context of the photo. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Aitas returns to stage for RR Days

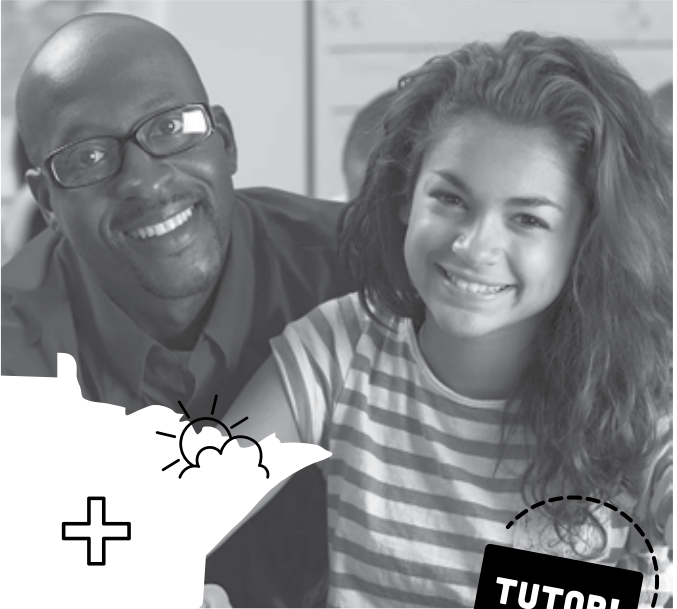
Staples Railroad Days will feature Aitas, the rock band formed by local musicians Ethan Fleisher, Chris O'Brien, Andrew Capistrant and Wyatt Switz.

They are scheduled to play at the downtown stage starting at noon on Saturday, Aug. 21.

Aitas has played at music venues throughout the mid-

west and they have gained a following at many music festivals they have played.

According to their web site, aitastheband.com, Aitas has "evolved from a punk-rock, ska-soaked pop act into a rock band laced with everything from rap, dub, jam-rock to ambiance."



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A look at the ‘community’ in community college

By Dr. Hara Charlier
President, Central Lakes
College

Everything we do at Central Lakes College is about workforce development, preparing students for great careers in so many ways, whether it be through a 4-year transfer degree or a technical education.

In this mini-series, I want to share the answer to a question we’re often asked: “What does it really mean to be both a community and a technical college?” This month, we’ll share a bit about the community part. Next month, we’ll explore the technical side of things.

Part of the confusion comes from the fact that everything, literally everything, we do at CLC is about community. We’re proud of that. So it’s confusing to people when “community” is called out as only part of our mission. This is the result of the development of the two-year college movement in the United States. Historically, the term “community college” has come to refer to our unique ability to provide the first two years of a four-year degree in an affordable and accessible way.

For this reason, the “community” part of our name is a nod to the transfer component of our mission. At CLC, this is reflected in our commitment to the liberal arts and sciences. Students can start here and earn their Associate of Arts (AA) Degree, and transfer to nearly any four-year university. Many students have quietly asked, “If I start at CLC, will my degree look somehow different when I graduate from my four-year college?” It’s a great question, but the answer is a resounding no. We’re proud to provide an outstanding

education that prepares our students extremely well for success at the university level. For this reason, the baccalaureate degree that you eventually earn is identical to that which is awarded to a student who started at the university.

We’re also proud to have many outstanding university partners. Together, we continue to work to enhance students’ experiences and break down barriers. One example is our Transfer Pathways program, which is designed to help students complete an Associate Degree in a specific major at Central Lakes College and seamlessly transfer to any Minnesota State university to earn a bachelor’s degree - without losing credits, time or having to take extra courses. Today, CLC has over 12 transfer pathways in great fields ranging from psychology to exercise science.

Just as students are looking for different majors, we know they’re ready to start the college journey at many different times. Some join us right after high school graduation, others come to learn new skills after being in the workforce. Many students opt to begin their college journey while still in high school, and many graduate with both their AA Degree and their high school diploma in the same spring. In May 2020, 137 area high school students graduated with both degrees. Our goal is to provide students with a great college experience while saving time and money through Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) and College in the Schools (CIS). Visit www.clcmn.edu/college-in-the-schools-cis/ to learn more.

As we continue exploring ways to break barriers to higher education, we’ve

also focused on reducing textbook costs while ensuring that students have high quality materials to support learning. To this end, our faculty have worked hard to create many no-textbook cost courses, and with our Z-Degree, a student can earn an A.A. Degree without ever buying a textbook. In fact, CLC was the first public school in the state to offer the Z-Degree.

When you think of community colleges, you don’t always think about honors programs and research. However, our Honors Program is one of the largest in the state and emphasizes inquiry, discourse, application and leadership. Throughout the program, students explore, aspire and lead, and learn how to leverage their knowledge to make positive changes in the world around them. They even conduct research about how to improve our college for future students. Visit www.clcmn.edu/honors to learn more.

Students come to college for both the learning and the experience. I’m proud to say that the CLC experience is a special one. We strive to provide a robust experience full of inspired learning, hands-on applications, fun engagement and connections with great people and community. With vibrant student life, Raider athletics, performing and visual arts and many activities, this is a place where everyone belongs, whether in-person, online, or a little of both.

The best part about being a community college is just that: we are the community’s college. I encourage you to stop on in to one of our campuses. Explore the hallways, chat with our friendly staff and get connected. I’ll see you on campus.

Fighting for farmers

By U.S. Senator Amy
Klobuchar

Last year, so many Americans found new appreciation for the work farmers and ranchers do to hold our food supply chain together. And there is much more that we must do in Congress to make sure that this important work is supported.

When I first came to the Senate, my number one request was to be on the Agriculture Committee. The reason was simple: I wanted to work on behalf of our rural communities. Even in the face of tough times—a global pandemic, volatile energy and commodity markets, and extreme weather events like droughts and wildfires—our farmers have risen to the challenge of feeding the world, fueling our country, and powering our economy.

As one of the nation’s largest agricultural producing states, Minnesota is home to 67,500 farms that

contribute almost \$17 billion to our state economy each year. The economic well-being of our state and country is tied to them, and we have to do everything we can to help them succeed.

That means making sure we have policies to protect farmers against extreme weather, emerging animal diseases, and market failures. Growing crops and raising livestock can be unpredictable—farmers make large capital investments in seed, livestock, buildings, and equipment, and sometimes face heavy losses due to circumstances beyond their control.

As we saw over the past year, these circumstances can cause major disruptions in the food supply chain that hurt the agricultural economy and rural families. That’s why I worked to make certain that farmers and rural communities had the support and resources necessary to address the effects of the pandemic.

When we support farmers and ranchers, we ensure the continuity of the agricultural supply chain, helping all workers as well as small businesses. That is why, as a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I have worked hard to craft federal farm policy in the last three Farm Bills—in 2008, 2014, and 2018. I am committed to con-

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Quote of the week

“It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either of them.”
Mark Twain

Infrastructure bill leaves little for rail passengers

From Rail Passengers Association

The U.S. Senate voted to officially begin work on a \$550 billion bipartisan infrastructure bill, which includes \$66 billion for rail.

“While any meaningful and sustained increases in passenger rail funding are important and welcome, let’s not be fooled by the headline number. The reality is that what’s really in this bill is \$32 billion in additional passenger-rail funding over and above the baseline - which is a great start, but a long way from the transformative vision put forth by President Biden,” said Rail Passengers President Jim Mathews. “A lot of important work will get done with these funds if they make it to final passage, but this does not pay for the kind of expansion the U.S. needs - one that allows tens of millions of additional Americans to choose passenger rail as a clean, energy-efficient mode of transportation.”

While the text of the five-year spending bill has yet to be finalized, broad investment figures have been released, including:

- \$110 billion for roads, including \$40 billion for bridges and \$17.5 billion for major projects;
- \$66 billion for rail;
- \$39 billion for mass transit;
- \$11 billion for safety;
- \$7.5 billion for Electric Vehicles (EVs);
- \$17 billion for ports; and
- \$25 billion for airports.

Rail Passengers was able to obtain specifics of the \$66 billion in funding for rail:

- Northeast Corridor (NEC) Grants - \$6 billion - for procurement and deferred maintenance on the NEC.
- Fed-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail - \$36 billion
- NEC set-aside - \$24 billion
- Funding for capital projects to repair, replace, or rehabilitate assets to improve performance and address maintenance backlog.
- Amtrak National Network (NN) - \$16 billion - to modernize and upgrade the NN, including all 15 long-distance routes and 28 state-supported routes.
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) - \$5 billion - competitive grant program to improve the safety, efficiency and reliability of intercity passenger rail and freight rail; leverages local and private sector funds.
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Program - \$3 billion - competitive grant program to eliminate railway-highway grade crossings.
- Restoration & Enhancement Grants - \$50 million - grant program to initiate, restore and enhance passenger rail service; eligible projects include restoration of discontinued service, additional frequencies,

extension of existing service, and establishment of new service.

Disappointingly, the bipartisan infrastructure framework (BIF) rail title stipulates that the \$66 billion in rail funding includes the \$34.2 billion passed by the Senate Commerce Committee as part of the Surface Transportation Investment Act (STIA) of 2021. This means the BIF only includes an additional \$32 billion over what would’ve been authorized as part of the normal reauthorization cycle - well below the \$74 billion originally proposed by President Biden as part of his American Jobs Act. This stands in sharp contrast to the highway section, where the \$110 billion for roads and bridges will be included as part of the larger \$303.5 billion in Highway Trust Fund contract authority passed by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

While this bill would count as the biggest Federal investment in passenger rail since Amtrak’s creation, it is far below what was originally envisioned by the White House. It is also well below what was passed by the House of Representatives, which included \$110 billion in its five-year INVEST Act. The BIF funds provided will largely favor a “fix-it first” approach for the U.S. rail network, addressing maintenance backlogs and capacity expansions on the NEC, equipment procurement for the NN, and some incremental upgrades and planning work for the rest of the network. It’s hard to envision any dramatic expansion in service with the available funds, unless they are largely focused on one or two corridors.

There are, of course, many hurdles to overcome: the bill will have to be debated and approved in Senate, and integrated with the existing reauthorization bills; the Senate may then choose to integrate it with a reconciliation bill, which will have to secure a simple majority of 50 votes; and it will be passed back to the House, where many key members have criticized being cut out of the legislative process entirely.

House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Chair Peter DeFazio hasn’t been shy in expressing his views on what should be in the bill.

“I could give a damn about the White House. We’re an independent branch of government,” DeFazio told reporters after a briefing last night. “They cut this deal. I didn’t sign off on it.”

That means there still may be hope for a more ambitious rail title in the final version of the bill—though that ultimately risks losing Senate GOP votes.

“Then we will have an informal conference, and then the bill will be over here with my name on it, and we can amend it and send it back,” DeFazio told reporters.

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Bluegrass band playing in Staples Aug. 8

Sarah Mae & the Birkeland Boys will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Derek Birkeland, Tedd Williams; and Sarah, Mike and Adam Birkeland. (Submitted photo)

Sarah Mae & the Birkeland Boys to close summer concert series

Bluegrass band "Sarah Mae & the Birkeland Boys" will perform at Music in the Park in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. This is the final concert in the summer series.

The Duluth area band shares stories in song form – about the importance of family, overcoming hardship, the relevance of faith and reasons for hope in a troubled world. They mix authentic original bluegrass and gospel acoustic music to produce toe-tapping tunes that uplift all ages.

Sarah Mae and the Birkeland Boys, along with friend Tedd Williams on banjo, play music that stirs hearts and souls. With Minnesota roots, the family's music draws on familiar themes and imagery that connect with communities and congregations throughout the region.

Expect to hear great harmonies from this family band that includes Sarah, brothers Derek and Adam; and their dad, Mike. The Birkelands are accomplished musicians as well, known for their exceptional bluegrass picking on a variety of instruments including acoustic bass, guitar, fiddle, mandolin and dobro. More information about

Mark Your Calendar

August 6

ATTENTION STAPLES SENIORS (55+) Coffee, Cookies and Conversation will be offered at Staples United Methodist Church basement on Fridays, 9 a.m. - noon. For more info., call 218-894-2256 or 218-640-6477.

August 7

SUMMERFEST Saturday, Aug. 7, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Scandia Valley Town Hall, 3518 320th St., Cushing. Crafts, Turkey BBQ, kids activities, petting zoo, music, vendors, fireworks at dusk.

Catholic Charities: August meals

Catholic Charities Senior Dining has organized frozen meal distribution pop-up locations for the month of August across Central Minnesota, with meals for seniors age 60 and over available at 26 locations, including:

- Wadena - Thursday, Aug. 5, 1 - 2 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 403 2nd St. SE.
- Pillager - Thursday, Aug. 12, noon - 2 p.m. (frozen meal distribution) and noon - 4 p.m. (NAPS distribution); Pillager Area Family Center, 305 Fir Ave.
- Staples - Thursday, Aug. 19, 2 - 4 p.m., Lakeview Health System Main Campus parking lot, near Farmer's Market, 49725 Cty Rd. 83.

Verndale Historical Society music show

The Verndale Historical Society and Verndale Alliance Church will present a dinner and a show on Saturday, Aug. 7. The dinner, featuring the Mayor's BBQ deep pit chicken begins at 5:30 p.m. The show that follows at 7 p.m. is called

"Lakefront Town", an original play by Phil Halstead that features songs and stories from a northern Minnesota town.

The dinner and program will be held at the Verndale Alliance Church, 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale. A

portion of the proceeds will go to the Verndale Historical Society. Advance tickets only are available by calling 218 445-5619 or Bill Hess at 218 639-2348 or members of the Verndale Historical Society.

Old Wadena Rendezvous and Chautauqua August 14 & 15, 2021

Old Wadena Park, located north of Staples
13491 Old Wadena Circle, Staples, MN

10am to 4pm both days - gates open at 9am

\$10 per person for both days or maximum of \$25 for one family
Kids 12 and under free - all activities included in admission fee



Performance Schedule

Saturday

- 10am Jake Kaehne - traditional Ojibwe flute
- 11am Lisa Winter - *Cats in the Kitchen* puppet show
- 11:30am - Dave Virmala - ballads and story songs
- 12:30pm Margo McCreary - *Ollie McNutt* puppet show
- 1pm - Curtis & Loretta - original and traditional music
- 2pm - Paulino Brenner - *Battle of the Giants*
- 2:30pm - Purple Hells - bluegrass & gospel music

Sunday

- All day - Barn Quilt Painting with Cynthia Buchholz
- 10am Jake Kaehne traditional Ojibwe flute
- 11am Paulino Brenner - *Battle of the Giants*
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- 12:30am Margo McCreary - *Ollie McNutt* puppet show
- 1pm - Curtis & Loretta - original and traditional music
- 2pm - Lisa Winter - *Cats in the Kitchen* puppet show
- 2:30pm - Brothers Burn Mountain - original music



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Additional support has been provided by Wadena County, by the Staples-Motley Community Foundation, and by the Staples HostLions.

Saturday and Sunday Activities

- Horse-drawn wagon rides with Gregor Wegscheid
- Blacksmith shop and demonstrations Mike Hoffmann
- Crow Wing Muzzleloaders encampment
- Baby's Fry Bread with Elisa Johnson
- Canoe Paddle Kettlecorn with Ryan Damlo
- Maple syrup making with Les Schwartz
- Beekeeping with Dan Kern
- Hand Painting with Beth Kern
- Naturalist presentations with Dick Oehlenschlaeger
- Make a bird house with Jon Hamberg
- Birch bark canoe construction with Ray Boessel
- Wheel thrown pottery with Lowell Bayerkohler
- Pit fired pottery with Cheryl Bannes
- Rope making with Ray Baune
- AM soap company hand made soaps with Bill Smith
- Photographs of Wadena County with Jamie Robertson

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- Learn to play the ukulele with Curtis & Loretta
- Learn to play traditional wooden flute with Jake Kaehne
- Make your own barn quilt with Cynthia Buchholz

- instruments and materials provided

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Free rides to Rendezvous on Saturday

Call Friendly Rider 218-631-5730 to schedule free trip from Wadena and Staples on Saturday at approximately 9am and return from Rendezvous at 2pm. You must call before Saturday, August 14 to reserve your seat. And you receive free admission to Rendezvous if you ride the bus.



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Large amount of toys
Wooden blocks
Lincoln logs
Ninja Turtles
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Farm toys
Dinosaurs
Power Rangers

Army toys, G.I. Joe
Western and war books
Old kid's books

Books

Power Line 880 pellet gun, new in box

Caboose Chair, N.P.R.

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Bird cage with stand
Wildlife prints: Merganser, Dornie, Kouba
Records: 78's and 35's
Dry sink, oak
Antique dishes
1940's high chair
Carnival glass swans
Lamps
Rocking chairs
Cassette and 8-track player
w/ speakers
Old rugs
Lg. amount of misc. items in boxes
Blankets, baby items
Comforters

MISC. HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
Cushion chairs
Sewing stand

Large cedar chest
Small glass top table with 4 wicker chairs
Wicker chair and love seat
White wicker items
Many cook books
Poker books; Texas Hold'em
Western and War books

Knick knacks
Christmas, Easter and Halloween items
Santa bears
Sheepdolls hooks and planters
Office chairs

SPORTING
Stuffed fish, Northern and Walleye
Fishing spurs
Duck decoys, hand carved
Spear decoys
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Obituaries

Alice Granby

Alice Rose Emma (Knapper) Granby, 88, of Staples passed away July 28, 2021, at Lakewood Care Center, Staples.

Funeral services will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, Thursday, August 5, at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Carl Larson officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at the Poplar Cemetery, Leader.

Alice was born May 20, 1933 at home near Leader to Daniel Frank and Alice Ruth (Erickson) Knapper. She married Carl Wesley Granby on June 26, 1952 at Swan Valley Lutheran Church in Byron Township.

Besides raising a large family, helping care for Carl's parents and helping with some of the farming, Alice raised a large garden



to help feed the growing family. She enjoyed sewing, teaching her daughters and granddaughters the art. Alice and Carl were past members of Swan Valley Lutheran Church and more recently, Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. She was an active member of the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club and Ladies Aide where she became involved

with the Mission Quilter group, making hundreds of quilts with them. She made numerous "Lady Quilts", at least one for each of her children; one for each of her grandchildren "for their wedding present" and one for each great-granddaughters as first birthday gifts, several for raffle prizes for church and even sold a few. She also loved to hand embroidery dish towels, pillow cases and read books.

Alice is survived by six children: Keith (Vicki) Granby of Staples, Charlene (Duane) Breid of Lakeville, Beverly (Dave) Grose of Sauk Rapids, Carl (Lila) Granby, Orel (Alice) Granby and Bruce (Julie) Granby, all of Staples; 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brother and sister-in-law, Albert and JoAnne Knapper; four sisters-in-law, Margaret (Charles) Knapper, Shirley (Irvin) Knapper, Pat (Marvin) Knapper and Alvina (Harold) Knapper.

Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Carl; parents; brothers and sisters-in-laws, Martin and Edna Knapper, George and Robin Knapper, Ernest and Ladona Knapper, Charles Knapper, Irvin Knapper, Harold Knapper, Marvin Knapper, Marie and Earl Elestad; one granddaughter, Amy Granby and one great-grandson, Tristen Granby.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.



Evelyn Snabb

Evelyn "Evi" Grace (Hyndman) Snabb, 88, of Staples went to be with the Lord on July 24, 2021.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at the Free Methodist Church in Motley with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church. Lunch to follow the service.

Evi was born October 25, 1932 to Richard and Delta Hyndman on a farm near Staples.

Evi is survived by her loving husband, Avron; three sons, Larry (Mag) Wolpert, Mike (Pam) Wolpert and Steve Wolpert; two step-children, Julie (Dan) and Darryl (Kathy); 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Darryl and Dixon and one granddaughter, Leanna.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
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. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
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
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

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Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
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.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

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

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffer
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
VerndaleFLCC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Children's 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 (Mimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

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

Ernest Spilman

Ernest Benjamin "Ernie" Spilman, 92, of Motley, died December 30, 2020, at his home.

Memorial services will be held August 7, 2021 at 3 p.m. at the Poplar Cemetery, Leader.



Richard Lorentz

Richard "Dick" Anthony Lorentz, 78, of Walker, passed away peacefully July 23, 2021, at Saint Mary's Essentia Hospital in Duluth, with his wife Jan and daughters, Angie and Chris, at his side.

A celebration of life was held July 30 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hackensack, with a Mass of Christian burial with Father Timothy Lange officiating.

Inurnment will be held at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ripley, Little Falls at a later date.

Dick was born April 2, 1943, in Staples to William and Catherine (Kern) Lorentz. He attended school in Staples prior to serving four years with the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Ponchatoula. After a 30-year career as a machinist for 3M in Staples, he retired in 2002.

Dick had a passion for the outdoors, from hunting and fishing, to vegetable gardening and golfing. He had many hobbies, which only expanded in retirement. He prided himself in being able to craft from his own two hands, bird houses to large sheds, trailers and fish houses to wood strip canoes. He loved wintering in Arizona with his wife, Jan. He succeeded in passing on words of wisdom, strong faith and work ethic.

Dick is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jan; two children, Angela Storlie of Elko New Market and Christina (Ryan) Windschitl of Grand Rapids; two granddaughters, Madden and Reese Windschitl; one brother, William; four sisters, Kaye Knowlton, Theresa Lorentz, Frances Donlin and Agatha Lorentz; as well as in-laws, nieces, nephews and many great friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert and three sisters, Loretta Lorentz, Mary Jane Volesky and Dorothy Spiering.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the family to help carry on Dick's legacy passion for the outdoors.

Arrangements were by Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com.

"By The Streams"

Zachary Jones, Lead Pastor, Staples Alliance Church

One of the few constants in life, oddly enough, is change. Circumstances change; whether it is health changes, job changes, relationship changes, etc. I think of all of our recently graduated seniors, whether they have graduated from high school or from college, who are embarking on a new journey that will take them to new places with new opportunities as well as new challenges. There are difficult, life altering choices to be made in this season. We all face the daunting prospect of change. Perhaps you are feeling whiplash from all of the change our society has had to face over the last two years. We have been riding the crest of the wave of a global pandemic which has fundamentally shifted our public life and discourse, we have experienced social tension on a local and national level, and of course right in the middle of all this our nation experienced a fraught political election. And in the midst of all of this, you have had to continue on in your own individual circumstances. Maybe you have experienced difficulties such as loneliness, job loss, financial strain, health problems, loss and changed plans. Perhaps you have enjoyed new relationships, the birth of a child or grandchild, a new opportunity, or unexpected blessings. In all likelihood you have experienced a mix of both. So, in the midst of turmoil, is it possible to have peace? Is it possible to be happy regardless of the change that surrounds us?

In a study of the first two Psalms we discover the way of the righteous person. The righteous person delights in the word of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are planted by

the streams and they bear good fruit in every season, neither withering nor being blown over and burned up. The righteous person is truly happy. This challenges our definition of happiness. For the righteous person experiences change the same as us. They experience tumult, persecution, challenges and difficulty. But their happiness is not fickle or fleeting, dictated by their circumstances or by their earthly prospering. The main factor in true happiness is not circumstance but rather where a person abides, where they place their hope and trust. The righteous person abides in God, taking refuge in Him during the storms, being planted firmly in His word and His promises. They draw their hope, their joy, their peace, their love from Him and they in turn take it and bear fruit that is pleasing to God.

So as we encounter change and as we enter into the storms of life we find that our happiness is found only in God. He is with us in the midst. If you are feeling overwhelmed, frightened, angry, or bitter I would invite you to take shelter in the one true God. Rather than depending on yourself, I would invite you to depend entirely on God. And you will find that He does not fail, He does not tire or grow weary. He is a solid rock on which we may stand securely. I encourage you to turn your eyes upon Jesus, who invites you to abide in Him alone. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, it is he that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5, ESV)

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CLC women's sports pioneer remembered

The community is invited to join the family of Darlene Palmer, a pioneer in local women's sports, for a celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 7 in the Central Lakes College Brainerd campus gym. The program will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Coach Palmer was honored for her work including being an inductee into the Wisconsin Rapids High School Hall of Fame, the Raider Athletic Hall of Fame, the Minnesota Community College Hall of Fame and she was awarded the Special Merit Award for Athletic Leadership by the Minnesota Coalition of Women in Athletic Leadership.

In May, she passed away at age 92. Darlene is survived by her husband Harold, son Michael Palmer and daughter Betsy Krause, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Darlene started the women's athletics program at Brainerd Community College (now Central Lakes College) in 1969 and was on the committee that helped develop the state community college women's athletic conference, MCAC, which became a sanctioned conference in 1974.

She served as CLC's volleyball, basketball and softball coach until 1976, while teaching physical education classes. In 1976, she became the Women's Athletic Director. In 1984, she helped bring golf to BCC and coached men's and women's golf until 1987.

Along the way, she coached two state championship teams (softball in 1979 and golf in 1986) and four state runner-up teams.

"Darlene Palmer's legacy in the world of college athletics is a whole generation of women like me who got to attend college on a volleyball scholarship, who got to spend their careers building young women up in the gym and on the field, and who have the confidence to know that it's OK to be passionate about competition," said Jane Peterson, CLC women's volleyball coach and physical education instructor. "The foundation Darlene laid for passion, resilience, grit, toughness, dedication, love of the game, love of teammates, and all the other qualities that athletics teaches - continues at CLC today and will long into the future."

Darlene's daughter



Darlene Palmer

Betsy Krause added, "Our mother lived, loved and breathed sports. Establishing women's athletics at BCC (CLC) was one of her greatest sources of pride, second only to time spent with family. Being part of the team that helped the community college system implement Title IX meant giving young women the opportunity to compete and that meant the world to her. She was the consummate competitor in everything - yet was mindful of those that had not yet had an opportunity to participate and made sure that they felt included and mentored in the world of sports. Teacher, mentor, coach, player, wife and mother, grandmother, great-grandmother - she led an amazing life."

Darlene's son Michael Palmer added, "I don't think the word 'work' was ever used by my mom. Instead, she used 'enjoyment'. She enjoyed bringing the best out of the teams she coached and the people she

taught which created lasting memories for the students and team members over the years."

Sally Ihne, retired President of Brainerd Community College and CLC (1983-2001), said "She did an excellent job of both administering and strengthening women's athletics at Brainerd Community College and coaching various teams. She was both a dedicated coach and an instructor who cared deeply for the students she worked with."

Endowment for women's athletics

In honor of Darlene's legacy to Women's Athletics, the family has established the Darlene Palmer Endowment for Women's Athletics at the Central Lakes College Foundation. Gifts ensure students receive support and that the CLC Women's Athletics programs remain strong, focused, and innovative for future generations. For more information email Kate.Adornetto@clcmn.edu.



Busy summer for girls tennis team

Members of the Staples Motley Vernadale Tennis Team competed in singles and doubles at the recent Bemidji Tennis Open. Pictured from left are Ronnie

Noska, Georgia Kruchten, Lauren Rutten, Corinne Olson, Allison Knosalla and Kenzie Erickson. (Submitted photo)



Youth basketball camp

Coach Cy Bstland jokes with kids at the Staples-Motley Community Education basketball mini-camp on July 29. See more photos on page 11a. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Bad fire, good fire

It's been a most unusual couple of weeks, atmospherically speaking. It began with a pall of smoke drifting down from forest fires near the Canadian border, smoke so thick it blocked sunlight and turned islands and shorelines into gray silhouettes in broad daylight, like a blanketing morning fog, or deepest twilight. Beyond tightly closed windows, the air was laced with the scent of burning. Not the pleasing aroma of a campfire, but the acrid smell of perhaps a welding shop, or a neighbor burning trash in their fireplace. Judging by the sensory evidence, one might have guessed that the fires were dozens of miles away, not hundreds.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

Then—like an NFL instant replay—as the past week drew to a close there came a second round of air quality warnings for two-thirds of Minnesota, as a south-flowing weather system brought another

wave of smoke from fires that are still burning, most of them across the border in Canada. The same acrid smell permeated the air whenever a door or window was opened. Not to mention the health hazards that airborne smoke and "particulates" afloat in the air pose to those who breathe it, especially those who have respiratory issues to begin with.

The fires in northern Minnesota have burned more than 4,000 acres. Firefighters on this side of the international boundary now have the upper hand, and some of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness campsite and point-of-entry closures have been lifted. But with fires still burning on the Canadian side in Ontario's Quetico Provincial Park, some access closures remain. A campfire ban remains in effect on both sides of the border. Only fuel-powered stoves can be used for cooking, so the tradition of s'mores and ghost stories over an open fire is suspended, too.

Beyond the forest fires that continue to burn in our region, vast areas of the West are engulfed in the same, and some fires are far larger. More than 80 fires have been reported in Cali-

fornia, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, New Mexico, and elsewhere. A single California wildfire has burned more than 180,000 acres. A limited number of dwellings have been destroyed, but many hundreds more are considered endangered if these fires are not contained. Some 14,000 firefighters have been attacking fires that collectively were estimated to cover close to a million acres.

Those of us who grew up with Smokey the Bear as the familiar mascot and spokesperson for forest fire prevention can imagine the friendly cartoon-ish character with a sad face, and a tear escaping from the corner of his eye. We grew up with a message that implied that all forest fires should be prevented. It's certainly an unwanted outcome to have homes destroyed, to have the lives of highly trained and dedicated firefighters put at risk, or even to have recreational plans—like hiking, wilderness fishing, or canoe trips—disrupted.

But it's just as true that fire is a force of Nature, and that the aftermath of fires is not permanent devastation, but a re-setting of the cycle of living things in that landscape. The classic example of this is Yellowstone Park in 1988. The fires there

began in June and the last flames did not die out until November. Over the course of those five months some 25,000 firefighters from various parts of the U.S. fought to contain the blazes and minimize the damage to property and possessions.

At the time, the National Park Service—guardians of Yellowstone and the country's other national park—had a policy of allowing lightning-caused natural fires in remote areas to run their course. Fire is necessary to several natural processes that rejuvenate ecosystems. Fire frees seeds inside the waxy cones of several coniferous tree species—like the western lodgepole pine, and our own jackpine—so they can fall to earth and the trees reproduce. Periodic fires also maintain prairie grassland for grazing species of big game—including antelope and elk—as it once did for millions of buffalo. Fire releases nutrients that become available for the life processes of other living things. Periodic fires also reduce "tinder"—accumulations of dead, dry brush and trees—that can turn small fires into huge ones.

1988 was an exceptional year for Yellowstone, with drought conditions much like we have now. Little

rain, low humidity, and high winds fanned multiple fires caused by lightning and by human carelessness into such a dangerous state that the Service opted to put its "let it burn" policy on-hold after some 17,000 acres had been blackened. In the end, more than a million acres would burn across the Yellowstone area.

Those who had come to love Yellowstone just as they had known it feared the worst. They envisioned it as a permanent black moon-scape they would never recognize. But just one year later young lodgepole pine seedlings could be seen on the burn area. Today the post-fire lodgepole pioneers are more than 30 years old, green and healthy, and have proven the hand-wringers' fears were premature. The aftermath of the 1988 Yellowstone fires also provided a laboratory for the study of plant and animal communities and how they respond to fire. More than 250 fire-related research projects were conducted there in the two decades following the fires.

A human attribute that is both virtue and vice is our desire for things to remain constant, in a state where they best suit us. We see a mature forest that is green and beautiful in summer, or aflame with orange and red

and gold in autumn, and we want it to stay that way. But change is Nature's way, and often actually works to our advantage. For example, we would have fewer ruffed grouse if aspen forests were allowed to mature and die of old age, and were not "reset" periodically by what some would call "destruction;" by windstorm, by fire, or—a management tactic that imitates these—by selective logging.

The same natural forces of recovery and rejuvenation in Yellowstone will rule the aftermath of the fires that have burned and continue to burn in the wilderness country along and north of the U.S.-Canada border. No one is insensitive to the loss of property during such fire events. Nor should we be unsympathetic about the inconvenience and disappointment of those whose plans to visit and experience such places had to be abandoned. But we can find a silver lining behind those smoky clouds that have darkened our skies and temporarily threatened our health, knowing that Nature has a time-tested post-fire recovery plan.



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The City of Staples will hold a public hearing on August 10, 2021, at 7:05 p.m. at City Hall, 122 6th St NE to present and accept comments on the 2022 to 2026 Capital Improvement Plan. A copy of the draft is available at City Hall, 122 6th St NE.

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July 23, 2021

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BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land be classified as nonconservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on List of Tax-Forfeited Land, that

is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01; that the sale will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 13, 2021, by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at the Commissioner board room in the Historical Court House, for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be full payment or on the terms set forth on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conditions and terms of the public sale shall be as described in the list of Tax-Forfeited Land contained here-in and approved by the Todd County Board of Commissioners.

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Todd County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer, Todd County Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue So, Suite 201, Long Prairie, Minnesota, 56347. Telephone: (320) 732-4469, or online at: <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/divisions/property-records/auditor-treasurer/>

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS June 1, 2021

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 1st day of June, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

imous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2021 as presented.

To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Sacred Heart Area School - Sacred Heart Church at the address of 27625 Paint Lane, Browerville, MN in Moran Township effective June 11, 2021.

To hire Macoy Reimer, Seasonal Recreational Assistant for the Sheriff's Department.

To hire Cole Yungbauer for FT Road Deputy, start date 7/5/2021.

To hire Shayla Baken for PT Correctional Officer, start date pending.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the May 2021 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 901496 through 901573 in the amount of \$6,684,767.47, (Manual) 625 through 632 in the amount of \$902,877.12 and (Regular) 237520 through 237689 in the amount of \$1,848,131.69 for a total of \$9,435,776.28.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 401258 through 401278 in the amount of \$19,812.01 and (Regular) 54822 through 54878 in the amount of \$67,770.09 for a total of \$87,582.10.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 801695 through 801706 and (Regular) 707850 through 707872 for a total amount of \$33,741.76.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600405 through 600410 and (Regular) 516364 through 516384 for a total amount of \$82,405.97.

Administration

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To remove capacity restrictions for all indoor settings, including public meetings as of June 1, 2021.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To renew the Long Prairie Hockey Association Lease Agreement with the presented terms and conditions.

County Sheriff

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the quote from CentralSquare for server based mapping upgrade.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2020 Federal Boating Supplemental Equipment Grant in the amount of \$4,439.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2021 State Boat and Water Safety Grant in the amount of \$6,129.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Tyler Thiel's employment status change from FT to PT, effective June 6, 2021.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was intro-

duced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Fraud Prevention Investigation Program Cooperative Agreement between Todd County Health & Human Services, Todd County Sheriff and Todd County Attorney.

Jackie Och, HHS Director provided an update to the County Board on the COVID-19 situation and vaccination availability for county residents.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that the first half Real Estate tax payment collections have been successfully balanced and payments settled to the taxing authorities.

County Commissioner's Report

Commissioners' committee meetings are migrating back to in-person experiences.

Recess

Chairperson Becker recessed the meeting until June 15, 2021.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$106.69
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	77,312.55
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	268.76
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	4,580.00
US BANK	9,184.66
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	795.40
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	89.60
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	810,539.46
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	4,209.35
DOHERTY STAFFING SOLUTIONS	3,604.31
LONG PRAIRIE SANI. INC..	3,462.75
NYHUS CHEVROLET BUICK INC	27,937.87
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH.	82,386.00
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	5,794.16
WENCK ASSOCIATES, INC.	3,517.50
16 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	5,642.38
AMCON CONCRETE PRODUCTS LLC	6,551.15
CLIFTON LARSONALLEN, LLP \$ 30,964.50	
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	5,323.00
COUNTRYSIDE REST	3,528.20
DOHERTY STAFFING SOLUTIONS	2,540.57
LP LUMBER, LLC	3,495.35
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	7,694.87
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	8,717.00
MORRISON COUNTY	35,900.60
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	5,080.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	2,836.46
STOECKEL JAHNER INC	5,210.00
STREICHER'S	4,046.99
VERIZON	4,724.99
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A	5,220.00
68 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	14,797.25
ANOKA CO GOV'T CENTER	8,375.00
CARD SERVICES COBORNS	2,522.11
DOHERTY STAFFING SOLUTIONS	2,501.55
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK	6,884.85
LABSOURCE	3,557.82
MN POWER & LIGHT	14,200.66
NORTHERN STAR COOP	2,076.04
SCHUMACHER'S NURSERY & BERRY FARM INC	15,199.25
SHIRLEY'S GAS & GROCERIES INC	3,406.65
VOYANT COMMS., LLC	3,633.89
48 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	20,828.27
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	2,533.67
DAN WELLE SOUTHTOWN INC	6,584.00
NORTH COUNTRY CHEV. BUICK GMC	28,494.80
WEST CENTRAL TECH SERVICE AREA	4,686.86
20 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	10,337.69
BIG SWAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT DIST	8,736.14
CITY OF BERTHA	123,462.67
CITY OF BROWERVILLE	167,585.72
CITY OF BURTRUM	17,030.37
CITY OF CLARISSA	103,523.67
CITY OF EAGLE BEND	164,670.03
CITY OF GREY EAGLE	64,876.90
CITY OF HEWITT	39,584.11
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	668,358.46
CITY OF OSAKIS	106,559.73
CITY OF STAPLES	542,014.87
CITY OF WEST UNION	5,502.70
REGION V DEVELOPMT COMMISSION	17,227.55
SAUK RIVER WATER SHED DISTRICT	53,937.17
SCHOOL DISTRICT 213	429,384.36
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2155	2,968.28
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2170	562,706.13
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753	1,084,117.41
SCHOOL DISTRICT 486	261,037.38
SCHOOL DISTRICT 487	4,945.91
SCHOOL DISTRICT 740	56,181.87
SCHOOL DISTRICT 743	454,810.13
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786	336,997.12
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786- DEBT DIST 86	8,163.33
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787	544,636.01
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787- DEBT DIST 87	37,562.64
SCHOOL DISTRICT 818	26,773.01
TOWN OF BARTLETT	48,340.60
TOWN OF BERTHA	61,577.03
TOWN OF BURCHDALE	79,434.89
TOWN OF BRUCE	111,860.52
TOWN OF BURLEENE	48,969.34
TOWN OF BURNHAMVILLE	106,902.62
TOWN OF EAGLE VALLEY	51,874.29
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE	105,044.19
TOWN OF GERMANIA	37,441.65
TOWN OF GORDON	141,802.42
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE	124,532.29
TOWN OF HARTFORD	93,738.23
TOWN OF IONA	38,050.54

See TCC on page 10a

Staples Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 STAPLES-MOTLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #21 June 28, 2021, 6 p.m., District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Winkels, Lund, Freeman, B. Anderson, L. Anderson and Reeck present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen and Regan; Principals Johnson and Schmidt; Representatives from Ehlers, ICS, RAPP Communications and JLG; several community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Recognize Public - Chair Winkels welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending

School/Community Forum - the following community members addressed the Board:

a. Ron Nypan - Proposed Facility Improvements/ wants versus needs

b. Bruce Drone - Tax Impact; stating that the Board is not listening to the tax payers

c. Dave Hoemberg - District Facilities and concerns regarding the consolidation agreement

d. LEAP Board - Moving the district forward with Phase I; and stating that the LHS Foundation gives back to the community

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve

the Consent Agenda with the exception of item #7. MC

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to Approve the 2021-22 Food Service Catering agreement with Freshwater ALC. MC Winkels abstained

Approve the Resolution to Accept Grants and In-Kind Donations

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Winkels to Approve the Resolution to Accept Grants and In-Kind Donations in the amount of \$1,771.10. MC Thank you to the SM Diamond Club, Nyhus Chevrolet, Northland Floral and Baxter Wal-Mart.

Finance Items

Motion by Freeman, seconded by L. Anderson, to approve:

a. Official Depository Signers: REMOVE Chuck Herdegen and ADD John Regan

b. Officials to Invest Funds: REMOVE Chuck Herdegen and ADD John Regan

c. Officials to make Electronic Investment Transfers: REMOVE Chuck Herdegen and ADD John Regan and Julie Polak

d. Signature Approvals: REMOVE Chuck Herdegen and ADD John Regan to execute agreements and/or financial documents as necessary on behalf the district.

Motion Carried.

Regan presented the Financial Report by B. Anderson seconded by Lund, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels, to Approve the FY 2021 Revised Budget and the FY 2022 Original Budget. MC

Motion by Lund, sec-

onded by L. Anderson, to award the Dairy Bid to Prairie Farms for the 2021-22 School Year. MC Two bids with escalator were received - Prairie Farms and Kemps.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Credit Reimbursement request from Liz. Capistrant - \$750. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson, to Approve the Resolution Authorizing Real Estate Purchase, located at 201 Pleasant Ave., Staples MN., from Olson and Mertens - \$60,000

Following a Roll Call vote, voting in favor: Lund, L. Anderson, Reeck, B. Anderson, Freeman and Winkels. Opposed: none. MC

Curriculum

Review of the 2020-21 QCOMP Annual Report

Motion by Winkels, seconded by B. Anderson, to nominate Mary Freeman as the 2021-22 Q-COMP Oversight Committee Rep. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to Approve the 2021-22 Local Literacy Plan. MC

Personnel

Motion by Reeck, seconded by L. Anderson to accept the retirement of Tammy Bell, Motley Head Cook; eff. June 4, 2021. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to accept the retirement of Julie Orlando, HS Food Service; eff. June 4, 2021. MC

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to approve the reduction of force of two (2) Paraprofessional positions; eff. end of 2020-2021 SY. Following a Roll Call vote, voting in favor: B. Anderson, Freeman, Reeck, Winkels, Lund and L. Anderson. MC

Facilities

Mike Hubbard, ICS gave



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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

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TOWN OF KANDOTA.....	59,093.84
TOWN OF LESLIE.....	109,743.71
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK.....	51,877.20
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK	83,972.42
TOWN OF LONG PRAIRIE.....	88,613.86
TOWN OF MORAN.....	66,530.33
TOWN OF REYNOLDS	65,642.31
TOWN OF	
ROUND PRAIRIE.....	100,869.61
TOWN OF STAPLES.....	112,164.96
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STOWE PRAIRIE.....	59,828.46
TOWN OF	
TURTLE CREEK	44,464.14
TOWN OF VILLARD.....	125,261.65
TOWN OF WARD.....	69,621.82
TOWN OF WEST UNION.....	47,868.20
TOWN OF WYKEHAM.....	71,569.99
4 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	2,862.69
Total.....	\$9,435,776.28

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
Vendor Name..... \$ Amount	
CARGILL SALT DIV	10,102.90
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES	
INC.....	6,466.20
EMERGENCY AUTO. TECH.....	5,059.39
GRAINGER INC.....	2,771.11
HERDERING INC.....	2,929.19
MN DEPT OF TRANS	4,338.49
PICOMETRY.....	29,534.34
ROCK SOLID SERV. LLC.....	4,085.00
70 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	22,295.48
Total.....	\$87,582.10

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name..... \$ Amount	
DHS - SWIFT	6,859.76
FRESHWATER ED.	
DISTRICT #6004.....	11,942.00
NOW MICRO INC.....	3,287.01
PERISH/ALAN.....	3,101.61
31 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	8,551.38
Total.....	\$33,741.76

Vendor Name..... \$ Amount	
CENTRAL MN MENTAL	
HEALTH CTR.....	3,000.00
COMMUNITY AND F	
AMILY SRVS LLC.....	3,006.25
DHS - MSOP - MN SEX	
OFFENDER PROG.....	5,895.00
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472.....	9,660.00
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV.	
OF MN - ST PAUL.....	2,676.00
NORTH HOMES CHILDREN	
& FAMILY SRVS.....	23,834.31
NORTHLAND	
COUNSELING CTR.....	2,313.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC.....	22,772.70
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	9,248.71
Total.....	\$2,405.97

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held June 1, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on June 15th, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS June 15, 2021

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 15th day of June, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 8.1 Emergency Management - Drought Emergency Declaration.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2021 as presented.

To hire Kyle Drum for FT Road Deputy, start date 7/6/2021.

To hire Tyler Winkels for FT Road Deputy, start date 7/7/2021.

To promote Joshua Winter for Investigator, start date 7/6/2021.

To approve Kelsey Fenna to fill the open Social Worker position.

To approve the resignation of Kristin Hayes, Registered Nurse effective June 8, 2021.

To approve the resignation of Cassandra Snyder, Social Worker effective July 1, 2021.

To hire Jessica Barroso to fill the vacant Solid Waste Office Assistant position.

GAMBLING PERMIT - BIG LAKE SPORTSMANS CLUB

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Big Lake Sportsmans Club through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Big Lake Sportsmans Clubhouse in Turtle Creek Township at the address 31974 County 16, Cushing, MN on August 21, 2021.

GAMBLING PERMIT - IVY'S LEGACY FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Ivy's Legacy Foundation through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Ivy's Legacy Foundation to hold a raffle event at The Shed in Kandota Township at the address 10098 County 11, Sauk Centre, MN on October 16, 2021.

GAMBLING PERMIT - LITTLE BIRCH LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Little Birch Lake Improvement Association through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Little Birch Lake Improvement Association to hold a raffle event at the Hub Super Club in Burnhamville Township at the address 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN on September 10, 2021.

To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for Ivy's Legacy Foundation at the address of 10098 County 11, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective October 16, 2021.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 401279 through 401318 in the amount of \$51,926.07 and (Regular) 54879 through 54929 in the amount of \$33,326.53 for a total of \$85,252.60.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 801707 through 801707 and (Regular) 707873 through 707940 for a total amount of \$148,828.85.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600411 through 600422 and (Regular) 516385 through 516412 for a total amount of \$61,409.88.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use Permit with the proposed five conditions for David Yoder to build hunting shacks and cabins for retail on parcel 09-0012201.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was

introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use Permit for Tillman Infrastructures to build a 325' communications tower on parcel 17-0027600 with one condition.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To remand the Conditional Use Permit Request from Tim and Karen Melby to establish a four site campground on parcel 06-0023702 back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration and to grant an additional 60 day extension to the application deadline.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Lakeside Acres Preliminary Plat on parcel 15-0040000 with three proposed conditions.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann against: To approve the rezoning of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 18, Little Sauk Township from AF1 to Shoreland-RD with no conditions.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use Permit to expand an existing feedlot from 77.4 animal units to 108.4 animal units on parcel 28-0015200 with six conditions.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL - "KUHLMANN OAKS"

WHEREAS, Applicant and property owners Joshua A. Kuhlmann, Jordan G. Kuhlmann and Jill M. Skaja have applied to subdivide a property that is described as NE4 SE4 EX S 200 FT OF W 165 FT & EX E 208.75 FT OF W 373.75 FT OF S 208.75 FT 38.24 ACRES of Section 16 in Birchdale Township with the plat to be known as 'Kuhlmann Oaks',

WHEREAS, Kuhlmann Oaks consists of 1 lot; Lot 1, 10.01± Acres; located in the Residential-10 zoning in Birchdale Township,

WHEREAS, On February 4, 2021, the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance: SECT-16 TWP-127 RANG-33

The South 646.00 feet of the East 675.00 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 16, Township 127 North, Range 33 West, Todd County, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, On February 16, 2021, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Sibell's Subdivision Four preliminary plat with conditions,

1. Removal of all wood framing of the abandoned trailer home prior to final platting.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "Kuhlmann Oaks" be approved as presented.

Solid Waste

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote with Kneisl abstaining: To authorize the solid waste department to begin collection of film plastics through the partnership with Otter Tail County at no charge to participants for up to one year.

Emergency Management

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution

was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the extreme dry conditions impacted the population of Todd County and its cities, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County is seeing higher temperatures, winds and lower humidity than normal, and;

WHEREAS, the ongoing threat of fire event has caused a significant amount of public and private property damage, and;

WHEREAS, the ongoing drought event is threatening private and public infrastructure, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County usually has an average of 11.91 inches by this date and have only received 6.81 inches, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Department of Emergency Management requests the Todd County Board of Commissioners to declare Todd County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the extreme dry condition's event of 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners declares Todd County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the lack of rain and humidity event that started May 1, 2021 and continues to this date.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer had nothing to report.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator reminded of the upcoming AMC District 4 meeting.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

Adjourn

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of June 2021.

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name..... \$ Amount	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	\$2,081.28
BENNING PRINTING & PUBLISHING.....	4,853.00
FROGGY'S SIGNS INC.....	2,893.48
MENCH/JAMES.....	3,675.00
NOW MICRO INC.....	4,382.88
TRISTAR POWER	
SYSTEMS.....	6,923.93
TRUENORTH STEEL.....	32,420.53
WIDSETH SMITH	
NOLTING INC.....	2,595.00
83 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	25,427.70
Total.....	\$85,252.60

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name..... \$ Amount	
#16413.....	\$2,311.36
#16713.....	2,108.00
COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SRVS LLC2,210.00	
#166292,204.91	
#145933,867.56	
GERARD TREATMENT PROGRAMS.....	4,000.86
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. OF MN - ST PAUL	2,765.20
NORTHERN PINES	
MENTAL HLTH CTR INC.....	2,500.00
#16668.....	4,013.26
STEP.....	4,818.20
#16109.....	2,036.08
VILLAGE RANCH INC.....	7,843.93
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	20,730.52
Total.....	\$61,409.88

Vendor Name..... \$ Amount	
CREMATION SOCIETY	
OF MN - MPLS.....	2,565.00
V #16752 - COST EFF	
HEALTH INS.....	3,600.20
DHS - SWIFT.....	44,499.80
V #16675 - COST EFF	
HEALTH INS.....	2,214.60
RURAL MN CEP INC	12,187.57
TODD COUNTY	
AUDITOR/TREASURER.....	15,096.10
TODD COUNTY SHERIFF.....	3,238.48
USPS - POC.....	3,886.00
131 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	61,541.10
Total.....	\$148,828.85

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held June 15, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on July 6, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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Assisted living provider list available online

With the state's new assisted living protections scheduled to kick in Aug. 1, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) posted an online list of the facilities approved to be licensed as assisted living facilities.

The new list of facilities is available and will be updated daily online at Assisted Living Information for Consumers, Families and Caregivers. The site also offers other resources such as the Minnesota Assisted Living Bill of Rights and frequently asked questions for consumers.

"Checking to see whether your facility was approved for an assisted living license can be a simple way to confirm that your facility is on track with this process," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm. "As we approach Aug. 1, this is an important time to be aware of these changes and to be in communication with your provider about any possible changes in services."

The number of Minnesota providers applying for assisted living licenses exceeded expectations given the number of assisted living-type facilities in the state. MDH accepted a total of 2,006 applications (1,414 assisted living facility applications and 593 assisted living with dementia care facility applications) for a total capacity of 57,636 residents.

"The application process provides a strong signal that our existing housing with services providers are making a smooth transition and implementing the new safety and care improvements on schedule," Commissioner Malcolm said. "We are thankful for the hard work of so many who have been involved in this transition process."

Minnesota's assisted living-type facilities mostly serve seniors. Most of those who live in an assisted living-type facility, dementia care or housing with home care will not experience significant changes in their services due to the new licensing program. However, some residents may see changes in August, and in some cases those changes may make it necessary for residents to find a new service provider or even a new place to live. Providers were required to notify residents of their licensing plans by May 31.

MDH also announced the adoption of the new state rules that, paired with the new statutory regulations, will govern assisted living facilities. These rules were published in the State Register on July 19 at Minnesota State Register website, State Register Volume 46, Number 3.

Some of the new benefits and protections for residents in the rules include the following:

- Assisted living facilities will be required to develop an emergency preparedness plan that is uniquely tailored to the facility to ensure it has sufficient training, supplies and leadership to address a broad range of emergencies.
- Registered nurses must conduct initial assessments and reassessments of residents in the assisted living setting.

Assisted living licensure rules establish staffing appropriate to best protect the health and safety of residents no matter their vulnerability, requiring facilities to have a staffing plan that guarantees the facility staffing levels that meet the needs of residents.

Residents in assisted living facilities now have the right to appeal an eviction or termination of housing and services to allow the Office of Administrative Hearing to determine if termination was fair and just.

The groundbreaking bipartisan reform legislation passed by the Minnesota Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Tim Walz in 2019 is designed to improve the safety and quality of care in long-term care in Minnesota. There will be two types of assisted living licenses beginning Aug. 1:

- Assisted Living License
- Assisted Living License with Dementia Care

The two licenses replace the combined Comprehensive Home Care License and the Housing with Services registration, which were discontinued July 31. The new assisted living reforms set higher expectations for providers and create more protections for people living in assisted living establishments. They also create clear pathways for accountability and better services for residents of assisted living facilities.

For more information, visit the Assisted Living Licensure webpage, health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/assistedliving/index.

Staples Police report

On July 19, Staples Police received a report of a long gun lying in the roadway near the intersection of 12th St. NE and 2nd Ave. NE. Police located the gun and observed it was an old air rifle. Police collected the air rifle for safe keeping.

On July 20, Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 8th St NE for reports of a skunk spray due to garbage build up.

On July 21, at 1:13 a.m., Staples Police were requested to respond to the 100 block of Dakota Ave. SE, to assist a juvenile who had called 911, stating that they were sick, and that their parents were outside in a tent. The juvenile was afraid to go outside due to the curfew ordinance. Police stopped at the residence and spoke with a parent and confirmed that they were aware of the incident with the child.

On July 22, around 12:13 a.m., Staples Police observed two subjects walking on Highway 10 near County Road 83, towards Staples. Police learned that the subjects were walking home from work in Motley. Police gave the subjects a ride to their residence, in town.

On July 22, Staples Police responded to assist the Wadena County Sheriff's Department with a report of a one vehicle rollover crash, near the intersection of Prairie Ave. NE and 12th Street NE. The driver, Tyler Fitzsimons, 21, of Walker,

had been traveling southbound on 12th Street NE when he lost control of his vehicle and rolled the vehicle. The incident is under investigation and charges are pending.

On July 22, Staples Police received a report of a UTV traveling on Warner Road with young children driving and not wearing helmets. Police spoke with a family member.

On July 22, Staples Police conducted a traffic stop and arrested Yvonne Howell, 39, of Staples, with DWI .08 or more, 2nd degree DWI, open container and endangering a child.

On July 23, Staples Police received a report from a bank in town regarding someone that is fraudulently obtaining a PPP loan. Police are investigating.

On July 24, Staples Police received a suspicious person complaint near the intersection of 2nd Ave. NW and Cardinal Drive. It was reported a young male wearing a grey shirt was in the roadway stopping cars. Police spoke with a subject matching the description and they were advised.

On July 25, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with a medical on the 300 block of 12th Street NW. A male subject was having a reaction from suspected narcotics use.

On July 25, Staples Police assisted Wadena County Sheriff's Office with domestic assault.



Mini-camp basketball action

Staples-Motley athletes going into grades kindergarten through third grade try their skills at the Staples-Motley Community Education youth basketball mini-camp on July 28-29, learning how to shoot, pass and dribble. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Pipeline protesters arrested in Wadena County

On, July 23, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office, along with several other law enforcement agencies, responded to an incident on the Enbridge Line 3 project in Wadena County. At approximately 4 a.m., deputies on scene were alerted by construction workers of several individuals attempting to breach the fencing around the construction site. By the time the deputies got to the individuals, several had already climbed over the fence and made their way into the construction area. Four of the individuals were able to lock themselves to equipment on site, while a fifth was apprehended and arrested by deputies on scene. Several others fled the scene from deputies into the nearby wooded area. A specially trained extrication team was called to the scene and removed all individuals from the equipment. The five individuals taken into custody were identified as:

- Randy Navarrete, 31, of Magna, UT
- Caleb Django Schwartz, 23, of Tarrytown, NY
- Joel David Atkinson, 31, of Albany, OH
- Claire Elena Pryor, 21, of Ashland, OR
- Sarah Isabel Contreras, 24, of Berkeley, CA

All individuals were charged by the Wadena County Attorney's Office on Monday. The four who secured themselves to equipment were charged with Felony Theft, Gross Misdemeanor Trespass, Misdemeanor Unlawful Assembly, and Misdemeanor Obstructing Legal Process. Schwartz was charged with Gross Misdemeanor Trespass and Misdemeanor Unlawful Assembly. All individuals were seen in Wadena District Court Monday morning where conditions and bail/bond were set. Those charged with felonies received conditions and were ordered to post \$1,000 bail/bond by the court prior to release. Schwartz received conditions and was ordered to pay \$500 bail/bond by the court prior to release. All had their bail/bond amounts posted and were released from custody. Wadena County Sheriff Michael D. Carr credits his staff, along with the numerous other law enforcement agencies, for resolving the incident without further criminal activity or injuries to the arrestees or law enforcement.

Long Prairie watershed survey results

From Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District

The 1W1P planning team which includes community members and local technical expertise have been making steady gains as we plan for the ecological future of the river and its surrounding communities and land mass. The project received 260 surveys from the general public stating their concerns and hopes for the planning grant. An estimated 160 people joined the Planning Process Kickoff Meeting via Zoom back in March, and the SWCD has been receiving call-ins from other community members who want to offer input. This information has been compiled with input from state agencies, existing county water plans, and other river and stream monitoring and research data. Some of the top priorities gleaned from this compilation include:

- Seasonal and stormwater runoff from cities, developed areas, and open farm fields
- Chloride runoff from road salts, and lakeside water softeners on other urban treatments
- Drinking /groundwater contamination
- Field erosion
- Ditches and other alterations to hydrology such as road ways, culvert sizing, and dams
- Forest and grassland losses- loss of natural native habitat
- Wetland protection
- Intensified lakeshore development
- Land and water resilience to changes in weather patterns

Not all communities and areas of the watershed share all concerns. Currently the teams are looking at which waterbodies or land areas are prone to these issues. Some areas of the watershed are in excellent condition. The plan will introduce ideas for how to keep these areas in good condition. The groups will also look at those areas that have become degraded are or likely to become degraded over the years and come up with feasible approaches to incorporate into the plan.

Next steps will include prioritizing which resource areas are of most concern and to set measurable goals for tackling these problems with local ideas and realistic solutions.

For more information, contact Todd SWCD District Manager, Deja Anton- 320-732-2644.

COVID still spreading

The Staples zip code had four new cases of COVID-19 in one week, Long Prairie had five and Pillager had three. Weekly zip code statistics were released July 29. Other area communities had one or zero new cases during the week.

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Learning about the Muslim culture

Staples Alliance Church students attending Culture Camp in New York City recently spent an afternoon at Bay Ridge Community Development Center, learning about their Muslim culture. Girls all wore the traditional hijab head covering; and the boys were challenged to pray

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Interacting with New York City's Arab community

The Staples entourage flew from Minneapolis to New York City, joining students from other states, including Florida and New Jersey. During their time there, they stayed at the New York School of Urban Ministry, located in Queens. As part of their educational experience, Culture Camp students attended training sessions each morning with the larger group. Later, with their small group, they had the opportunity to engage with immigrants and people of other faiths as they spent time in the Bay Ridge neighborhood in Brooklyn, immersing themselves in the culture there. According to information provided by Staci Schultz, "Bay Ridge is home to the largest Arab-American community in New York City. Because 'Arab' is not listed as an ethnicity on any demographic studies, it's difficult to know exactly how many Arab and Arab-Americans reside in the five boroughs. It is estimated that Brooklyn has by far the largest number - approximately 24,000. Bay Ridge has about 8,000 residents who speak Arabic at home. These immigrants hail from several Middle-Eastern countries, including Egypt, Morocco, Palestine and Yemen." Culture Camp students enjoyed a variety of ethnic food during their week in NYC, including typical cuisine from West Africa and the Himalayan regions of Nepal and Tibet. Students were challenged to immerse themselves in the community to which they'd been assigned, including speaking with people whose first language was not English. "The kids were definitely out of their comfort zone," Schultz said, mentioning the different foods and languages they encountered, not to mention learning to navigate in a large city like New York, having arrived from small town America. She was so impressed with the teaching they received at the camp, Schultz said, and would definitely encourage other students to consider attending in the future. "It was inspiring," she said of the opportunity to connect with people from other cultures. For fellow leader Sarah Jennissen, the highlight of Culture Camp was "growing in my relationship with Jesus through serving

five times a day. Youth from Staples Alliance included Leah Bestland, Ashley Robben, Grace Jennissen, Aften Robinson, Isaiah Schultz, Keller Anderson. Adult leaders from the church were Nick and Staci Schultz, Corey Robinson and Sarah Jennissen. (Submitted photo)

granted the privilege of having a passport or being a citizen. There are Americans who have left everything behind - money, fame, families, their religion - and faced life and death situations to come to America. It made me more aware of my own implicit biases, and to be alert on how I can show compassion and the love of Jesus to all people. This trip showed me ways I can reach out to my family, town, community and beyond. This camp showed me new ways to listen and learn about different people than myself, and how I can display Jesus through me." Two of the youth group members shared a few thoughts about their Culture Camp experiences as well.

Aften Robinson said, "My favorite part of Culture Camp was the prayer walk and the opportunity to meet such nice and welcoming people. This affected my life because I have grown so much spiritually and am less afraid to get out of my comfort zone and meet new people."

Ashley Robben went on to share that one of the highlights of the trip for her was visiting Times Square. "That was pretty cool to see, and also going to the Brooklyn part of New York area and getting to see what it was like there and to get to talk to some people from Yemen." As she contemplated the meaningful aspects of Culture Camp, Robben shared about their time at the Bay Ridge Community Development Center, making connections with Muslim people. "We wore hijabs for eight hours and it was hot!" Robben said. "The Muslim girls we met were pleased that we would wear them just to see what it was like for them." It's an experience that will continue to impact their lives in some form or another, seems to be the consensus of the Staples campers. For Robben, "Just building new friendships... and (learning) how some of the things we got to do (in New York) apply to real life."



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