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Staples World

Staples, Minnesota

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Dower Lake Pier

Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs

Weather

This Week's Forecast
High Low Cond.

Oct. 28 36° 24° P. Cloudy

Oct. 29 36 24 P. Cloudy

Oct. 30 38 31 M. Sunny

Oct. 31 42 28 Sunny

Nov. 1 40 30 Sunny

Nov. 2 46 30 M. Sunny

Nov. 3 43 28 Sunny

Last Year, 2019
High Low Cond.

Oct. 28 34° 25° P. Sunny

Oct. 29 32 17 Cloudy

Oct. 30 28 19 Cloudy

Oct. 31 39 24 Sunny

Nov. 1 36 28 M. Cloudy

Nov. 2 35 26 Cloudy

Nov. 3 41 28 Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 47° Low = 28°

Snow for Week: 8.5"
Total for Month: 9"
Warmer temps for
next few weeks!

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Todd sample ballot: 10A

Obituaries

Joseph Carlson
Norman Kuhns
Karen Williams



School board presented building options

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board is looking at building options and their price range. Mike Hubbard of ICS presented preliminary results from their facilities study at the Oct. 19 school board meeting.

Hubbard said they are developing options to update current school buildings so that the elementary school serves early childhood through sixth grade and the high school houses 7-12. A second option is to add to the elementary site for a one building, EC-12 site. ICS also looked at building an entirely new school on land at the Central Lakes College ag and energy center, but the cost of \$90 to \$95 million cut that idea out of the options.

The two building option could cost between \$58-\$64 million, with \$23-25 million for additions and remodeling at the elementary site and \$35-39 million for additions and remodeling the high school.

The one building site was estimated to cost \$75-80 million.

ICS will continue the facility study, including a tax tolerance survey that will ask district residents what they are willing to vote for a referendum to pay for the school facility. A preliminary tax impact estimate

showed that a home valued at \$100,000 in the district would pay an extra \$195 per year for the two building option.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said the survey will show "what is it that people will support at this time. No doubt 95 percent of people recognize we have to do something, now it's defining the value of that."

Tappe said design details will come as they get farther into the building study.

Hybrid learning

The board heard from administration about the school's decision to go to hybrid learning, after being open fully the first six weeks of school.

The elementary school has remained with in-person learning, but Elementary School Principal Kathy Johnson said around 40 students have chosen distance learning. She has heard from some families that are having trouble motivating their kids so the school is creating motivational tools to help them.

Tappe said "The ultimate goal is to get kids back to in person learning as soon as we can."

He said they are working with the Minnesota Department of Health and Sourcewell for a safe plan to get the students back into the school.

COVID-19 surging in area

The Staples area recorded 26 new COVID-19 cases in a one week period. Zip code information came out on Oct. 22, showing a total of 58 total cases in the Staples zip code. That represents 1.1 percent of the population in the zip code.

Motley had 22 new cases, pushing their total to 57, or 1.67 percent of the pop-

ulation. The Long Prairie zip code saw 58 new cases in that week and the city of Wadena had 12 cases.

With 52 new COVID-19 cases, Wadena County had the lowest weekly total for area counties. For the week ending Oct. 25, Todd County saw 113 new cases, Morrison 249 and Cass 66.

The number of deaths

attributed to COVID-19 have been trending upwards in the past two weeks. The state of Minnesota has averaged 16 deaths a day over the last week. Since the beginning of the pandemic in March, Todd County has reported five deaths, Wadena two, Morrison eight and Cass five.

Meta 5 now Family Resiliency Program

The Meta 5 Displaced Homemaker Program at Central Lakes College has changed its name to the Meta 5 Family Resiliency Program. This follows suit with the other partnership programs in the state, which have collectively changed to the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership.

While the name has changed, the need for support in the community has not. Across 2018 and 2019, 63 percent of those who came to the program were victims of domestic violence, 85 percent were not receiving court-ordered child support, and 27 percent entered the program homeless. Over 5,400 individuals statewide, including their families and children, were provided services designed to assist in the pursuit of meaningful careers amidst significant life change. Ninety-seven percent of those participants completed the program successfully.

"The impact of our program on participants has been staggering," said Kimberly Pilgrim, CLC's Meta 5 Family Resiliency Program

Director. "Looking forward, it's going to take a lot for women to get back on their feet because many of them were struggling before the pandemic."

For over 40 years, the program has been providing specialized pre-employment support and family stabilization services across the state through a network of six regional providers. Participants are caregivers, previously dependent on the financial support of others, who have lost that income due to death, disability, divorce, abandonment, or loss of public assistance.

These services have become even more significant as a global pandemic impacts the number of jobs available and causes increased competition at a time when parents must also juggle caring for children and assisting with secondary education in the home.

As shared by Jean Keenan, Executive Director of the Life-Work Planning Center, "While this impacts all caregivers, studies show that the pandemic is having

a disproportionate impact on women."

Keenan added: It is most often women who will sacrifice employment to care for the family, and the longer you are out of the workforce, the harder it is to return. The partnership remains more committed than ever to their mission during this time and will continue to support former caregivers through crisis and periods of instability while empowering all who are served to become agents of change in their own lives.

Administered through the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, this career pathways program equips individuals with the employment readiness skills and other services needed to stabilize their families and their homes, while also preparing them for work. Participants receive individualized support focused on career exploration, education, and training, along with gaining the skills needed to secure and maintain employment that leads to economic self-sufficiency.



October snow

At least six inches of snow fell throughout the Staples area Oct. 22, which caused groans from some residents and cheers from others. Pictured above building a snowman in their yard at 6th St. SW in Staples are sisters Shannafaye Arthur (left) and Stella Iverson. Below, Shane Iverson finishes shoveling the driveway at the family home. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Giant snow dog

Rufus the snow dog emerged at the home of Leah and Bart Graves on Park Ave. NE in Staples. Faced with the possibility of a long winter, Bart said they decided to do something fun with the early snow. (Submitted photo)

Thank you for subscribing!

Mayme’s advice, ‘Take a donut and get to bed’



Favorite pastime

Mayme Schimpp stopped by for coffee and donuts at the home of her granddaughter Dawn Timbs in 2006, when she was 99 years young. Mayme was known for making donuts and would have been happy to learn that October is ‘National Donut Month.’

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

I was so happy to learn that October is ‘National Donut Month.’ It’s been a relief to focus

on something other than the upcoming election and current status of Covid-19 for at least 30 days. Not that those two items aren’t important - they are. But, I’ll be honest, I was needing

a diversion.

What a wonderful holiday! Upon discovering its existence, I got busy. There were cards to send out, relatives and friends to call, Zoom parties to plan, and of course, donuts to consume.

Although not a cradle observer of this fine day, I was taught early on to appreciate the smell of that sweet dough sizzling in the deep-fat fryer until it reached a golden brown...later, to be rolled in cinnamon sugar and set out to cool prior to consumption.

Both of my Scandinavian grandmothers were devout donut believers, but I must say it was my Grandma Mayme Schimpp’s passion for this fried delicacy that has impacted me the most.

I loved hearing stories of her donut making days on the farm as told by her eight children. My dad, aunts and uncles would recall how Grandma would wrap things up after evening chores by saying, “Take a donut and get to bed.” (Probably not the advice of most dentists, but I think she did

a darn good job raising her kids).

Later on, I witnessed Grandma’s mouth-watering creations for myself, the memories of which have led me down a few bakery aisles over the years, searching for a taste of the old home place.

The donuts I’ve purchased have been tasty and more likely to be featured in a Martha Stewart magazine, but they will never compare to those made by Grandma.

Because when you sat down at Grandma’s table for coffee and donuts, you were also served a generous helping of laughter, wisdom and colorful stories from days gone by. You can’t package that.

Grandma Mayme passed away in 2008, just shy of her 101st birthday. She lived in her own home up until that time, continuing to offer donuts to all who stopped by for a visit.

Had she been living today, I think Grandma would have told us stories of her Norwegian immigrant parents who homesteaded in

Lyons Township and raised 13 children on next to nothing; and how she and her husband Buck, both survivors of the Great Depression, struggled to make ends meet at their farm in Bullard Township, relying on the Good Lord for their daily bread...reminders that hard times have visited every generation.

During her lifetime a total of 18 United States presidents were in office... some Grandma liked better than others, of course. She waited around for Pres. George W. Bush to phone her on her 100th birthday, but that never happened. He must have forgotten, or maybe her line had been busy with other birthday calls, Grandma said to us that Feb. 14, in 2007.

She might have based her vote in 2020 on whether or not either candidate remembered she was born on Valentine’s Day. Hmmm, a good question for the debate moderator.

We’ll get through this, Grandma would say of the pandemic, being sure

to remind us to listen to the advice of her beloved “Nurse Margie.” If Nurse Margie says to wear a mask, “then by gum, wear a mask!”

And after all the stories were told and jokes shared, if Grandma Mayme were still around she’d give us all one of her bear hugs and say, “Take a donut and get to bed.”



Tradition

Dawn Timbs shared donuts and coffee recently with her Uncle Russ Schimpp at the family farm in rural Staples where he and his seven siblings were raised. Russ bought the farm in 1974.

Motley council hears update from fire department

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Motley City Council expressed praise for firefighters Nick Dille and Bryan Stevens, the MFD members who helped battle wildfires in Oregon, at their regular meeting Oct. 12.

“It made us proud,” council member Amy Hutchison said, commenting on the photos and news articles pertaining to the Motley firefighters. Seeing the department’s signature yellow truck highlighted was also a source of pride, Hutchison said.

Motley Fire Chief Brad Olson said the trip west had gone very well. In his report, Chief Olson mentioned that Dille and Stevens were gone for 16 days, worked a total of 222 hours and logged 4,825 miles on the Tanker 2 fire truck.

“On behalf of the state fire marshal’s office, the Motley City Council and myself, I would just like to say thank you for your willingness to volunteer. We are lucky to have people in our community that are willing to go above and beyond the way they did. The fire marshal has relayed to me that he has heard nothing but good things from the communities they served in Oregon,” Chief Olson shared in a later conversation.

In other matters the council:

- SET a public hearing at 6:15 p.m. Nov. 9, for a text amendment to add language to the nuisance ordinance under Section 92.19 Nuisance Parking and Storage specific to limiting the use of storage containers and other related shipping containers for storage use.

- SET a special meeting on Friday, Nov 13, 5:30 p.m., to canvass election results and discuss the final budget/levy.

- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m.

- LEARNED that a Trunk or Treat community event will be held Saturday, Oct. 31, 3 - 5 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church parking lot.

- HELD a closed meeting to conduct a performance evaluation for City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski.

- APPROVED policy updates for the Motley Police Department (MPD). These included the Use of Force and Deadly Force policy as mandated by the state; and policies regarding search warrants, officer telephone and address; and rules pertaining to police department ride-alongs.

- HEARD an update on the Robert Follis property at 149 Front St. East in Motley. Follis had previously been found guilty of public nui-

sances and had been given 45 days to come into compliance. Since it appears that no efforts have been made to do this, the city will now move forward with abatement, which includes getting an administrative search warrant to enter the property and clean it up. It was mentioned that Follis had tried to put up a fence to cover things up, but that will have to be cleaned up as well.

- HEARD from Bryniarski that the city’s water usage report was down two percent in September, the lowest of the year.

- APPROVED the following three Motley businesses receiving COVID-19 Business Assistance Program grants, as they met all of the criteria: Northwestern Transit Authority, Inc., Eastwood Inn; and Countryside Restaurant. Each grant is \$2,000. Three other businesses had applied for the grant, but were missing some of the information requested. Subsequently, the council,

- APPROVED calling those three businesses in regard to this and giving them seven days to complete the information required in order to receive the above-mentioned grant.

- DISCUSSED moving the council meetings to the fire hall meeting room because there is more space,



Minnesota Task Force 1

A total of 29 Minnesota firefighters, including two from Motley, answered the call recently to help fight wildfires in Oregon. In addition to Motley, they represented fire departments from Bemidji, Brainerd, Crosslake, Eden Prairie, Fisher and Spring Lake Park/Blaine/Moundsview. Upon their arrival to Oregon, the Minnesota firefighters were divided into two groups. Pictured above are members

of the Minnesota Task Force 1. Back row, from left, are Mick LoMastro, Joe Enge, Dave Cox, Dan Anderson, Ward Parker, Dave Shepard, Josh Mailhot, Dan Retka, Dirk Tinkham, Bryan Stevens (from Motley). Front row, from left, are Dave Read, Eric Flowers, Nick Dille (from Motley), Cori Wallis, Rick Thompson. (Submitted photo)

which will allow for social distancing during the pandemic. It was noted that a new table will be needed to accommodate the council and a sound system will be need to be set up in that

space.

- APPROVED the city using CARES Act Funds to purchase the following: ChargePoint Cloud Plan renewal for \$889; up to \$1,200 for TVs (including

wall mounts) to be used in the council chamber and fire hall training room; and up to \$6,000 for furniture in the new space. CARES Act Funds need to be spent by Nov. 15.



I’m Collin Peterson and these are my granddaughters, Astrid and Ingrid. They’re the reason I fight so hard to protect our way of life.

As Independent as the Seventh District, I will always vote for what’s best for Minnesota.

Congressman Collin
Peterson

Prepared and paid for by Peterson for Congress, P.O. Box 265, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502



When I started this campaign, I knew I was probably the biggest underdog in the state. Senator Gazelka is a formidable and knowledgeable opponent. I do not know if I have improved my chances or not, but if I **save one life or keep young people from having lifelong health issues**, I will consider this campaign a success.

People who feel that wearing a mask and social distancing is a hardship are irresponsible and negligent. People, scarred lung tissue, scarred heart tissue and inflamed brain tissue is not a desirable outcome.

Yes, children need to have personal contact in school, but we must make it safe for the students, teachers and families of each. Pretending it will miraculously go away will not work.

Thank you to my supporters.
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Staples World

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1945

• Nov. 1, 1945 - Wednesday afternoon of this week the three doctors offices in Staples were veritable “beehives” of industry, when one hundred seventy-six children of school age and pre-school age were inoculated for small pox and diphtheria. Eighty-five treatments were given for diphtheria, and 91 were given for small-pox. The inoculation program was made available to people of Stales and the community through the

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efforts of the county health service and the Staples public schools. Doctors who gave the treatment were Dr. J. H. O’Leary, Dr. Jay M. Cook, and Dr. C. F. Reichelderfer. Dr. W. J. Lund, who is out of town at the present time, was also to have taken care of some of the patients. This immunization program is one of the best things the county health department has ever attempted, and people are taking advantage of the low cost of immunizing their children from the diseases which so often reap a harvest in communities which have not had the immunization program. • Nov. 1, 1945 - Regular practices are held each Tuesday evening at 8 o’clock at the band room in the high school building in Staples, for the Men’s chorus, which is under the direction of Erling Lian, band director of the school. There is still room for many more members in the organization, and an invitation is extended to all men of this community to join the chorus. There is no charge for membership. • Nov. 1, 1945 - Hear Ye! Hear Ye! On Friday, Nov. 9, the students of the Motley High School will stage a Carnival, the proceeds to be used for school activities. 50 YEARS Ago - 1970 • Nov. 5, 1970 - Scott Meech, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Meech, Staples, was wounded while serving with the U.S. Navy in Viet-

nam. His parents reported that Meech received shrapnel in the arm about 1 month ago and was hospitalized there. Meech enlisted in the U.S. Navy in March of 1969. • Nov. 5, 1970 - At their meeting Monday evening, the Staples Jaycees voted unanimously to endorse and support a student youth center in Staples Karen Pipek and Janelle Reese represented the Student Council of Staples high school in appearing at the meeting for support of this project. “Nearly 100 percent of the students and many parents are also in favor of a student center in this city,” the girls stated. • Nov. 5, 1970 - A group of about 20 Staples high school students, along with their director, Thomas Girtz, have been putting the finishing touches on the all-school play entitled, “Mystery of Crazy Canyon Ranch.” Sponsored by the Class of 1971, the play will be presented to the public Nov. 12 and 13, at 8 p.m. in the Staples Auditorium. Mr. Girtz, director, stated, “This is one of the most entertaining plays I have ever directed and any audience should thoroughly enjoy the production.” Members of the cast include Pam Gillespie, Becky Finn, Sue Gilroy, Pat Quance, Guy Doud, Tom Seaton, Steve Van Buren, Starr Self, Kevin Olsen, Debbie Shake and Audrey Dickman. 25 YEARS Ago - 1995 • Nov. 2, 1995 - Supplying a new market with fresh carrots is the purpose of a new use for an old building at the Central Lakes Ag. Center. The experimental project at the former Staples Irrigation Farm is a unique cooperative venture between private business and a state agricultural development agency, according to Norm Krause. The building that once housed the Staples Technical College’s water well drilling class and equipment is now full of carrots, the orange vegetables having been grown this summer by the five farmer-members of the Verndale Vegetable Growers Association.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our Nov. 16, 1967 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week’s paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

• Nov. 2, 1995 - Nearly 30 German students who completed their three week stay in Staples last week spent about an hour last Wednesday at the Tri-County Livestock Auction Brn, watching as cattle were auctioned off. One of the students, who left Friday for home, said, “The man spoke very fast.” • Nov. 2, 1995 - The 63rd annual Lutefisk and Meatball Supper at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 5 - 7 p.m. Advance tickets are \$8, Adults; Children 10 and under, \$3. This event serves up to 500 pounds of that incredibly delightful Scandinavian taste treat (the Great White Fish), more than 200 pounds of Swedish meatballs, potatoes and gravy, more lefse than law should allow, rutabagas, cranberries and a variety of homemade pies. • Nov. 2, 1995 - The counter sale price of the Staples World newspaper will increase to 75 cents effective with the Nov. 9 issue, announced Brenda Halvorson, general manager. “The price of newsprint has nearly doubled in the past year and our printing plant has told us to expect another increase in January and probably again next summer,” Halvorson said. “We have absorbed these increases as long as we can, but can do so no longer.” Halvorson also noted that the last increase in counter sales was in January of 1990. 10 YEARS Ago - 2010 • Nov. 4, 2010 - Election results for the City of Motley included Nancy Nieken, Mayor; Steve Johnson and Rob Sampson, city council, four-year terms; and Bruce Mills, city council, two-year term. • Nov. 4, 2010 - Citizens, city and county officials, engineers and construction workers involved with the turnback project in Staples gathered for the ribbon cutting ceremony to officially commemorate the new downtown roads. Comments made at the event included: “From our perspective, it turned out wonderful,” Contractor Tom Thompson. “The town has embraced this new design,” City Administrator Nate Mathews. “Thanks to the businesses and people living through this, for putting up with the dust and dirt and everything,” Mayor Chris Etzler. “I’ve heard tons and tons of wonderful comments,” Chamber Director Amy Hunter. • Nov. 4, 2010 - Three newly planted trees along 2nd Ave. in Staples were damaged Oct. 30, when a person(s) deliberately broke off branches from each one. Staples Police Chief Kyle Huber reports that the vandalism occurred on Saturday evening, the same time Halloween parties took place in downtown Staples.

Precautions taken

Area bars and restaurants have been doing their part during the Covid-19 pandemic, requiring employees and patrons to wear masks. In spite of these precautions, there have been reports of temporary shutdowns at a few establishments, due to Covid symptoms as well as some cases. Pictured above at Spot cafe in Staples are signs stating their mask policy. In lower photo is a sign in the window Oct. 23, regarding their temporary closure due to Covid symptoms experienced by some employees and patrons. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Timing is key to quarantine and isolation

By Rachel Redig, M.D. Emergency Department Director, Trauma and Stroke Director and ER doctor at Tri-County Health Care

The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging to navigate for everyone. There are often new guidelines announced before we can become familiar with the previous ones. However, there are many things we have learned. We know the best way to stop the spread of the virus is to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently and wear a face covering. Cases in our area are on the rise. From Aug. 18 to Oct. 23, cases in Wadena County have increased from 30 to 215. In Otter Tail, it’s 227 to 818. Todd went from 436 to 769. This pandemic has been challenging for everybody. Kids want to be in school. Parents want to get back to work. Grandparents want to see their friends and family. To achieve all these things, we need to continue to abide by the mitigation efforts listed above. Another route to slowing the spread is to follow strict guidelines after either testing positive for COVID-19 or coming in close contact with someone who has. The virus spreads most often when a person is symptomatic, but it’s important to quarantine or isolate even when no symptoms are present after testing positive or being around someone who has. Close contact is considered: - Being within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more (includes riding in vehicles) - Providing care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19 - Having direct physical contact with the person (like hugs and kisses) - Shared eating or drinking utensils - Sneezed, coughed or somehow got respiratory droplets on you To quarantine and isolate are two different things. Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others. Isolation keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others, even in their own household. All members need to quarantine when there is a positive test in the house-

hold. That means avoiding public places like the grocery store, hardware store, schools and work. One guideline that can be confusing involves when to start and end quarantine. You should stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19. Even if you test negative for COVID-19 or feel healthy, it’s important to stay home because symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. The Centers for Disease Control lays out common scenarios to help with this guideline. Scenario 1: Close contact with someone who has COVID-19 and will not have further contact. Quarantine: 14 days from the date of last close contact. Scenario 2: Close contact with someone who has COVID-19 and lives with the person but can avoid further close contact. Quarantine: If that person has isolated, your last day of quarantine is 14 days from when the person with COVID-19 began home isolation. Scenario 3: Under quarantine and had additional close contact with someone who has COVID-19. This situation includes when another household member gets sick with COVID-19. Quarantine: This requires those with close contact with COVID-19 to restart the 14-day quarantine period. Scenario 4: Living with someone who has COVID-19 and cannot avoid continued close contact. This scenario is common for those who must provide direct care to the sick person, don’t have a separate bedroom to isolate, or live in close quarters where they’re unable to maintain a physical distance of 6 feet. Quarantine: Avoid contact with others outside the home while the person is sick and then quarantine for 14 days after the person who has COVID-19 meets the criteria to end home isolation. Again, these are guidelines of high importance that regard the public health of our communities. It continues to be a challenge, but we urge everyone to take steps to prevent getting and spreading COVID-19. Wash hands regularly, stay at least 6 feet away from others, wear your mask and properly quarantine or isolate.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo, published in the April 4, 1978 edition of the Staples World, featured members of the junior class at Staples High School who were named as delegates to Boys State and Girls State. Seated from left are Mary Beth Jasmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Jasmer, who is the delegate to Girls State; and Diane Haglin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Haglin, who is the Girls State alternate. Standing are Robert Shea, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Shea, who is the alternate to Boys State; and David Haglin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Haglin, who is the Boys Stater. Girls State will be held in June at St. Catherine’s College, St. Paul; and Boys State will be held at St. Olaf College, also in June. During the week, students gain experience in the study of government at all levels. Deb (Vasecka) Jordan of Staples, and a 1979 SHS grad, correctly identified all. Philip Jasmer of Aldrich called to say he’d spoken with his sister Mary Beth (Jasmer) Schmidt, now of Ft. Myers, Fla., and she identified herself as well as her classmates, recalling the event for which this photo was taken. Andrea (Schimpp) Carlson of Decorah, Iowa, and a 1985 SHS grad, correctly identified the Haglins, going on to say she wondered if this was a photo for band, recalling Diane played flute. She also thought she recognized a Weishalla among the bunch. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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Letter to the Editor

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Heppner brings positive change

Growing up in Staples, I haven't seen many changes in my short 26 years of life. There are two things very present in my memory from growing up here and that is the lack of things to do as a child/teenager and poverty. I now have three children of my own and I so badly wanted them to be more engaged in community activities and to love living where we do. Over the last few years we have participated in many events such as the fall festival and the Easter egg hunt held by CLC. My

children are always so excited to participate in these events and it warms my heart to see them so happy growing up right where I did. Recently, our family and many others as you may have seen by the long lines, have participated in Ruby's Pantry. These things and many more were organized by our Staples-Motley School Board candidate Erich Heppner. The family events at CLC were also led by Erich. He worked tirelessly for years to bring Ruby's Pantry to our town. I feel it has been such a blessing to so many families in our area and beyond. I feel that having Erich on the school board would be so great for

our district. As a parent with a child who will someday attend our schools we can be assured he wants nothing but the best for our district. I feel he not only brings a fresh perspective and ideas but family values, a genuine care for our students and someone who actually wants to be the change, not just sit back and watch as we do the same things over again when clearly some of it is just not working any more. Erich Heppner's got my vote and I hope he has yours too. Alyssa Johnson Staples, Minn



Cardinal Chronicle

Cardinal Chronicle extra

Is the dress code targeted towards girls?

By Annie Schlosser

Is the dress code targeted towards girls? Most girls would say yes, but most guys would say no. I think that a lot of guys say no because they don't have many dress codes for them and if something happens and they get more they will get mad and understand the girl's struggles. I also think that girls get more frustrated with the dress code because a lot of what people can get dress coded for are the trendy clothes. A lot of the trends nowa-



This is an example of what you would get dress coded for.

days are crop tops, making it harder to fit in or find cute clothes or clothes at all. A lot of girls do not understand why we can't wear tank tops without the three fingers... What is so distracting about shoulders? Also, why can't girls wear regular shorts? When we wear basketball shorts, we are told we look

like a guy. For both girls and guys people can get judged by what they wear, not just one of the genders. One of the new rules is you can't wear spandex anymore in phy-ed. A lot of people are upset about that. In the hand book a lot of the dress codes are about girl's tops. Examples include halter tops, tube tops, skirts and shorts that are considered "too short" or "too revealing." Do you think that the dress code is targeted towards girls?

Quote of the week
“The only way to practice democracy, is to practice democracy.”
— Hu Shih

Misinformation proliferates on social media

By Evelyn Mateos editorandpublisher.com

Once upon a time, social media was used to connect us with family and friends. Businesses used it to reach customers and advertisers, and in some alternate reality, social media is still an innocent tool used to bring people together. But in our current reality, social media has turned into a far more nefarious tool used to spread misinformation and divide people. How did companies like Google and Facebook become such a threat? Congress wanted to know the same thing. In July, the CEOs of Amazon, Apple, Google and Facebook—four of the most powerful figures in tech—testified before Congress members at an antitrust hearing. Some of the concerns expressed included how the companies abused their market power to prevent rivals from threatening their position, as well as concerns regarding privacy, security and the proliferation of misleading information on their platforms. These hearings hint that more regulation may happen in the future. Below, E&P has compiled a list of other developments for news publishers to watch.

Google

At the Congressional hearing, Google CEO Sundar Pichai was under a fair share of scrutiny, along with its parent company Alphabet. According to a report from the New York Times, questions from the lawmakers focused on its

search engine, and they accused Google of lifting content from other websites to keep users in an enclosed environment of its search engine in order to make more advertising dollars. YouTube, a Google product, has been battling misinformation, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. The platform, along with others including Facebook and Twitter, successfully blocked Plandemic: Indoctornation—a follow-up to Plandemic, a video promoting falsehoods about the pandemic—from going viral on their platforms. The original Plandemic video racked up more than 8 million views before it was removed, according to The Verge. But this time around, YouTube quickly began removing full uploads for violating its policies around COVID misinformation. The actions being taken to prevent its spread shows that perhaps progress is possible. At the same time, Google has been fighting back against a new Australian code of conduct that would force tech giants to pay for news on their platforms. The News Media Bargaining Code, as it's called, aims "to address bargaining power imbalances between Australian news media businesses and digital platforms, specifically Google and Facebook." With this law, Australia is making it clear that a healthy news media industry is essential to democracy and the damage achieved to it by Big Tech can no longer be ignored.

Facebook

Since the 2016 American election cycle, Facebook, as well as sister platforms Instagram and WhatsApp, have been dealing prominently with combating misleading information. Consequently, Facebook began bracing for this year's election early through efforts like the Voting Information Center launched in June. The feature is located at the top of user's Facebook and Instagram feeds and provides people with accurate information about voting as well as the tools they need to register. However, Facebook doesn't anticipate its troubles to end on Election Day (Nov. 3). In case President Donald Trump interferes once the votes are in, Facebook is "laying out contingency plans and walking through postelection scenarios," the New York Times reported. A few scenarios include Trump wrongly claiming he won another four-year term or invalidating the results by asserting the Postal Service lost mail-in ballots. The Times also reported that the company discussed a "kill switch" to shut off political advertising after Election Day. At the Congressional antitrust hearing in July, Facebook's role in the proliferation of misinformation was a common theme. House antitrust chair David Cicilline (D-R.I.) suggested Facebook allows misinformation to reap advertising dollars. An example he points to is the Breitbart video that circulated on Facebook's platforms which falsely called hydroxychloroquine a cure

for COVID-19. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said such content does not benefit the business and the video was removed for violating the company's policies. However, Cicilline pointed out it took five hours for the video to be removed but not before 20 million people had already viewed it.

TikTok

The Chinese app TikTok is known for dancing videos, beauty tutorials and comedic clips, but lately, security concerns have surrounded the platform. In July, reports that Amazon had instructed some employees to delete TikTok from their phones due to security concerns made waves. Although the company later stated that the request was made in error, the move still resonated with users. Like countless other apps installed on our mobile devices, TikTok is a platform that captures data as you use it. Although tech security experts haven't seen a documented threat materialized, Trump has argued that the app is a national security threat, and in August, the president signed two executive orders. According to the New York Times, the first order banned transactions with TikTok within 45 days. The second order gave the company 90 days to divest from its American assets. At the same time, the company filed a lawsuit against the U.S. government claiming that the Trump administration deprived it of due process when Trump issued the executive order. As the deadline to sell

neared, the company announced that it would not sell TikTok's U.S. operations to Microsoft or Oracle, nor would it give the source code to any U.S. buyers, according to reports. However, Oracle is reportedly going to be picked as TikTok's "trusted tech partner" in the U.S. Should TikTok get banned, there are plenty of other platforms ready to take its place, such as the newly launched Instagram Reels and YouTube Shorts.

Twitter

In July, hackers took control of some of Twitter's most famous users as part of a cryptocurrency scam. Bloomberg reported that the attackers gained access to 130 Twitter accounts including Barack Obama and Elon Musk. Due to the incident, Twitter limited functionality for all verified accounts to prevent the scam from spreading. Those users with a blue checkmark by their name were forbidden from posting for approximately two hours, according to the Guardian. Three people were later charged with the security breach. The hack was just the latest example of how social media platforms are vulnerable, despite the heavy security measures that are put into place. Twitter also stated that it is was under investigation by the FTC for alleged privacy violations. The company said it inadvertently used phone numbers and email addresses that some users uploaded for security reasons to target them with ads. The app has been busy

combating misleading information on its platform. Much like Facebook, Twitter's role in proliferating misinformation and disinformation grew from the 2016 U.S. presidential election. In the lead up to this year's election, Twitter has made several advancements including implementing a tool that "enables people to report deliberately misleading information about how to participate in an election or other civic event," according to the platform. In an noteworthy move, Twitter also banned political ads last fall, claiming that "political message(s) reach should be earned, not bought." Additionally, for the first time, the social media network that is favored by Trump has labeled his tweets as "potentially misleading." For example, Trump posted two tweets in May claiming that "mail-in ballots will be anything less than substantially fraudulent" and will result in a "rigged election." A link from Twitter is affixed to the tweets that says, "Get the facts about mail-in ballots." Once clicked, the user is directed to experts saying "mail-in ballots are very rarely linked to voter fraud." While Twitter has made moves to fight misinformation, the platform has been timid with fact-checking and removing false content. With the election around the corner, Twitter should be prepared for the new wave of misinformation and disinformation. Forget an edit button. Twitter needs a fact-checking button.

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The regular deadline for letters to the editor, advertisements and news releases in the Staples World is noon on Friday. For the general election, the Staples World will not accept letters or advertisements raising new issues after Friday, Oct. 23.



New eye care and veterinary clinics in Pillager

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Pillager is now home to Up North Eye Care and Northern Hope Veterinary Clinic, both located in a new structure at 775 Buckskin Ave. West.

The two new businesses, which opened earlier in the month, will hold an open house celebration on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 3 - 6 p.m., providing the public with an opportunity to tour both spaces and enjoy holiday treats and other festivities.

Up North Eye Care

Dr. Stephanie Parrish is the owner of Up North Eye Care. She has been practicing optometry for the past 14 years, including two years at Staples Eye Clinic with Dr. Seth Dokken.

When the opportunity presented itself for Dr. Parrish to open her own practice, she decided to take it. She's excited to be in Pillager, the eye doctor said.

Originally from Bismarck, N.D., she and her husband Mike moved to this area for work opportunities. Mike currently teaches 5th and 6th grades at Pillager Middle School. The Parrishes have four boys, ages five - 13 who attend school in Pillager. "They keep us busy," Parrish said.

Dr. Parrish has been recognized at the state level as Minnesota's Young Optometrist of the Year as well as the national level for her work with children.

One of the things she enjoys most about her job is the opportunity to help care for them in all aspects of their lives...physically and spiritually. It's not uncommon for her to pray for her patients, Parrish said.

Starting a new practice in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic has had its challenges, Dr. Parrish



Grand opening celebration

Stephanie Parrish (left), owner of Up North Eye Care and Sara Hooke, owner of Northern Hope Veterinary Care, recently opened their new businesses located at 775 Buckskin Ave. West in Pillager. They will hold an open house on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 3 - 6 p.m. (Submitted photos)



said. She went on to note that during the building process, they were able to implement all precautions that were needed. "We were blessed to get a grant through Cass County to purchase new equipment needed to protect people from Covid," she said.

For more information about Up North Eye Care, call 218-746-2020, or online at www.upnortheeye.com.

Northern Hope Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Sara Hooke is the owner of Northern Hope Veterinary Clinic.

Born and raised in Atlantic, Iowa, Dr. Hooke went on to receive her Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University in 2004. She is also a certified Veterinary Acupuncturist and Herbalist.

She's always had a love for animals, Dr. Hooke said, going on to share that she worked on a farm when she was a teen, helping with cattle, pigs and poultry. These days, her focus is cats and dogs. "I'm passionate about pets and meeting their individual needs."

Prior to moving to the Pillager area, Dr. Hooke worked as a mixed animal practitioner in Worthington for 14 years.

Her husband Jesse works for Bedford Technology in the sales and marketing department. Like the Parrishes, the Hooques also have four boys, ages eight - 15, in the Pillager School District.

The family's decision to move to northern Minnesota came about after much prayer, Dr. Hooke said. She went on to note that they felt God was calling them to this area. It also seemed to be a "God thing" that she met Stephanie Parrish while attending First Baptist Church in Pillager.

They had a lot in common, Dr. Hooke said of her friend Stephanie Parrish, noting their faith, business ethic and family make-up. Besides each having four sons, the boys all have blue

eyes, Hooke noted.

One day after church Parrish told her about their plans to build a new practice, and asked if Hooke would be interested in being a part of it. After much prayer, Dr. Hooke said, "yes" to her friend Stephanie.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," Dr. Hooke said.

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775 Buckskin Avenue W Suite 1 & 2, Pillager, MN 56473

Staples-Motley school district, board calendar

The Staples-Motley School Board Work Session will be held Monday, Nov. 2, at 6:00 p.m. at the district office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples. The agenda includes facilities discussion.

Staples-Motley ISD #2170 upcoming dates and meetings:

Tues., Nov. 3: Election Day

Thurs., Nov. 12: Special Board Meeting; Canvass Election Results, 6:00 p.m.,

District Office

Mon., Nov. 23: Regular School Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., District Office

Thurs., Nov. 26, 27: Happy Thanksgiving. (Offices Closed)

Mon., Dec. 7: Work Session & Truth In Taxation Hearing, District Office, 6:00 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 21: Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., District Office.

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Born to Emily Verbeck and Ryland Sypnieski of Brainerd, a baby girl, Harlyn Christine weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on October 16, 2020.

Born to Brianne Hamm and Stanley Harvey of Long Prairie, a baby boy, Callum Norbert weighing eight pounds, one ounce on October 18, 2020.

Born to Jackie and Zach Hanson of Staples, a baby girl, Adila Rose weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on October 18, 2020.

Born to Cayla and Re'Quan Pitt of Brainerd, a baby boy, Ki'Mori Tyree weighing eight pounds, five ounces on October 18, 2020.

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Born to Chelcee and Cole Franzen of Pillager, a baby girl, Charlee Jayne weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on October 22, 2020.

Born to Dillon and Matthew Larson of Brainerd, a baby boy, Holden Grant weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on October 22, 2020.

Born to Krista and Jordan Heldman of Browerville, a baby boy, William Dean weighing eight pounds, two ounces on October 22, 2020.

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Obituaries

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Karen Williams



Karen Sue Williams, 74, of Motley, passed away October 17, 2020 at Lakewood Health System in Staples.

Karen Sue Griffith was born April 26, 1946 to Floyd and Hazel (Tidrick) Griffith in Brainerd. She grew up in Motley with her sister, Linda and her brother, Floyd. Karen attended Motley High School and graduated with the class of 1964. After graduation, Karen was married to Roger Holman for a short time.

Karen married Glenn Williams at the Swan Valley Lutheran Church in Leader. They were married for over 20 years, moving to Elk River before making their home on the family farm in Leader. Sadly, their son, Timmy, passed away September 27, 1986.

Karen was employed at Mr. Ed's Restaurant in Motley. In 1990 Karen and Roger reunited and they made their home in Motley. Karen was employed at Trident in Motley. Karen and Roger owned a home in Arizona where they enjoyed spending winters together and the rest of the year

Staples Area Church Directory

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Staples Alliance

1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891

Associate Pastor Zach Jones

Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God

914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081

Pastor Roy Miles

Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.

Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.

Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609

Pastor Barry Klein

Facebook Live

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

Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

First Congregational Church, UCC

firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com

204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571

Worship.....9:30 a.m.

Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran

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

Pastor: Carl Larson

Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee

Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church

310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296

Church.....

Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator: Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text

MASS:

Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.

Saturday.....5:00 p.m.

Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist

421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033

Saturday Worship.....10:45 a.m.

Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant

15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923

Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship.....10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran

1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372

Rev. Robin Collins

Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.

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

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248

Pastor Greg Leslie

Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

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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.

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

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Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee

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Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.

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Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown

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Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.

Facebook Live.....10:00 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY

Praise & Prayer.....6:30 p.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 & 11:00 a.m.

facebook live.....9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Youth Group.....6:00-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran

497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399

Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler

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

Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

St. Michael

1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296

Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz

MASS:

Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.

Wednesday.....8:30 a.m.

Saturday.....7:00 p.m.

Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist

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

Pastor Greg Leslie

www.motleyumc.net

Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance

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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

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Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.

Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

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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

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Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189

Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard

SUNDAY

Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Night Life Groups.....6:30-8 p.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance

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

Pastor Neal Malcore

Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)

17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale

Pastor Robin Fish

Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist

10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108

Pastor Jill Pawlowski

Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

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5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)

Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225

Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

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2. Things will surely work out well for you, even if it looks like life's turn it's back on you. Gird your loins and let's get moving because it's a new taste of life.

3. In life, learn to take responsibility for every action you take, whether it led to failure or success; that's the way to make it in life.

4. Successful people don't give up, they make use of opportunities. Start your day by looking at possibilities around.

5. Little beginnings are worth it because then you become stronger and active by the day. Look on, the future is bright.

6. Do not despise little beginnings.

7. I might not be able to change sunrise or sunset, but I can change my decisions and actions. I chose to be successful.

8. I don't have the power to change date or time, but I should be able to change me towards time.

9. I'm positive about life, though it might be hard now, it will get better. Positive always.

10. Happiness is the best thing to derive from life, get up and live for love.

11. Take up one idea at a time, life gives a lot of opportunities at this given time.

12. Don't wait for anyone; just follow the footprints of your mind. You can do it.

13. You don't need more motivation than your heart, give your best. Do well, make it, look onward and forge the past.

14. Don't get involved with other people's business, drag your feet, sit up, brace yourself, become a star for your world.

15. Move as fast as you can, run as fast as you can, life can't be easy for an upcoming success. Strive to do well.

16. You don't need much more than just one idea; fuel the idea, run with it and it is possible to make a big deal out of the idea. Make do of what life gives to you.

17. Don't stop now, there is so much to do in this short life, learn to progress in small things to make it big. Some people will serve as an example; you work to become one too.

18. Time and chance happen to a man, wait for it, don't run ahead of the time and the chance. Opportunities work alongside the right time and chance.

19. Sometimes, life is in a hurry, sometimes life is not in a hurry. Lean on time, it works well and results in the better.

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Joseph Carlson



Joseph (Joe) Albert Carlson, 74, of Motley, passed away October 21, 2020, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Joe was born November 8, 1945 to George and Clara Mae (Lucas) Carlson of Staples. He graduated from Staples High School in 1963 and went to work for Benson Optical in Staples before beginning work as a conductor with the Burlington Northern Railroad until he retired.

Joe was an outdoorsman spending time floating the river with family, bow hunting, fishing, participating in archery club and fur trapping. He also ran a bear hunting camp with his twin brother, James, located in Little Fork. Joe also found joy in antiquing and carving wood decoys. He was a member of the Catholic faith.

Joe will be greatly missed by his eight children: four daughters, JoDene (Joe) Thelen, Lorrie (Joe) Lorber, Kristin Carlson and Korrin (Shawn) Angevine; four sons, Paul (Cassandra)

Carlson, Leo (Kristi) Carlson, Joseph Carlson (Jill), Peter (Tiffany) Carlson; he is also survived by two sisters, Rose Marie Pietz, Carol (Art) Mertens; two brothers, Dennis (Jean) Carlson, James (Mary) Carlson; 20 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Marion; two brothers George, Jr. and Dale and two granddaughters, Kalyn and Cassandra.

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Celebration time on the volleyball court

Left, Brooke Heldman hits a spike and center, the team helps her celebrate when it lands for a kill. Upper right, the Cardinals jump for joy when they com-

plete their third set comeback against Walker-Hackensack-Akeley on Oct. 20. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals fall in hard hitting volleyball match

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley volleyball team played well in stretches but ended up with a 3-1 loss against Walker-Hackensack-Akeley on Oct. 20. The two teams were expecting a closely contested match and there were spectacular plays on both sides of the net.

The first set started with Maggie Claussen making a diving save to give the Cardinals a 2-0 lead. That set the tone for the Staples-Motley defense, as they dug up multiple hard hits throughout the night.

It took most of the first set for the Cardinals to figure out the WHA blockers, but Morgan Becker, Brooke Heldman and Tabetha Allen started hitting past them and Klaire Storry had an ace tip. Claussen's back row

spike tied the game at 19, but WHA scored six of the next seven points to win the first set.

In the second set, the Cardinals made just about every mistake possible and ended up down 25-9.

The third set could have gone the same way, especially when the Cardinals fell behind 21-16. But instead of settling for a three set sweep, Staples-Motley started their best stretch of volleyball. One point saw Claussen and Libby O'Neil digging up hard spikes, and Becker finished it with a kill to pull the team to within one. Storry then took over with a block and a kill to give the Cardinals a 23-22 lead. Becker finished the set with another kill.

The hot streak didn't end there, as Tabetha Allen started the fourth set with a kill and Bo Erholtz scored

on two blocks. A dig by Becker and kill by Erholtz kept the lead going.

Each team worked hard for points the rest of the way, as nothing came easy, but WHA scratched out a lead that held up to finish the game.

Team results
Staples-Motley 1, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 3
20-25, 9-25, 25-23, 22-25
Morgan Becker: digs-13, kills-7, blocks-1
Leah Bestland: Ace serve-1, digs-8, set assists-18, kill-1
Brooke Heldman: digs-4, assists-1, kills-3
Klaire Storry: digs-3, assist-1, kills-6, blocks-3
Tabetha Allen: digs-4, kills-14, block-1
Libby O'Neil: digs-7
Ava Schneider: digs-8, assists-12, kills-2, blocks-2
Bo Erholtz: digs-1, kills-3, blocks-4
Maggie Claussen: digs-16, assists-2, kills-2

Cardinals match Hawley but lose on extra points

Sivert Klefsaas scored on three long touchdown runs as the Staples-Motley football team matched Hawley in scores, but they lost the extra point battle, falling 21-18 on Oct. 23. The home game was moved to the artificial turf field at Alexandria because of snow on the Staples-Motley field.

Klefsaas tied the score at six in the first quarter with a 40 yard run and put the Cardinals ahead 12-6 with a 20 yard run in the second

quarter.

But Hawley scored twice in the third quarter and added one extra point kick and a two point conversion. Klefsaas finished the scoring with a 25 yard touchdown run.

Klefsaas had 181 yards on 19 carries in the game. Chandler Braith caught two passes for 49 yards and Max Strickland had two catches for 21 yards.

On defense, Strickland had eight tackles, Logen

Weite had seven tackles and two assists, Klefsaas made six tackles with one assist, Alex Giza had five tackles and two assists, and Sam Opheim had three tackles and two assists.

The teams had similar numbers in yards per play, but Hawley had better third down conversions, going 7-16 on third down. The Cardinals only made two of their nine third down attempts.



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We're back baby!

On Monday, September 21, 2020, the Minnesota State High School League announced that the football and volleyball season is back! For the Staples-Motley football program, the 10 week, six game season started September 28. The first game of the year was held October 9.

Staples-Motley volleyball league began September 28, with their first game of 14 games held on October 8.

Staples-Motley football was full pads on the 28th since they were already practicing hybrid. Other

schools will have to practice hybrid for one week before going full pads. With practice starting up again, there are some new rules during practice. Such as, before you step foot onto the field you need to sanitize and the same way for leaving the field. During warm ups every player needs to be five yards apart from each other and they are restricting huddles during practice.

Personally, I don't think there should have been a debate for a fall football and volleyball season. I say this because if you don't want

your kid to play a sport with Covid-19 going around then it's your choice to either let them play or take them out of the sport. There was no reason to cancel a season over a couple of parents who don't want their kids playing. Seniors wouldn't have gotten to play their senior year of football just because people can't just take their kids out of the sport, it's that simple. I am happy and I know that many others are happy that the Minnesota State High School League decided to let them play.



Spectacular defense

Libby O'Neil, top, and Maggie Claussen (15) kept a lot of hard hit balls from hitting the floor on their side of the net. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Another October surprise

To say that our recent mid-October snow event was something "no one saw coming" would be less than true. The meteorologists who predict our weather gave us ample warning. It was more the case that many of us didn't want to see it coming. Not yet, anyway; at least not of an amount that leaves us wondering if snow will now be with us full-time until spring.

Some of us were caught with leaves still on our lawns, a dock or boat lift still in the water, or the whereabouts of our shovels unknown—"with our pants down," you could say—by the snow's arrival.

Not just snow, but below 32 degrees on a nightly basis, freezing many small, shallow, and protected ponds and marshes. That turn of events undoubtedly sent a fair number of ducks on their way south. There will certainly be ducks and geese that hang on for as long as there is open water on rivers and larger lakes, but waterfowl hunters should not expect this change in the weather to do anything positive for our prospects.

Migratory birds must respond to seasonal weather changes. Their survival depends on staying ahead of weather that makes their preferred foods unavailable. Most can handle cold temperatures, but a lack of food for an extended period of time will doom them.

I had arrived at the

kennel where our Labrador had been boarding for several days, and there found a trio of strange little birds skittering along the gravel driveway, their quick-legged gait on toothpick-thin legs interrupted by brief, low-altitude take-offs and glides on curved, pointed wings, returning to earth for short sprints and a few pecks at the ground before taking flight again. Though I don't hunt them, I knew they were snipe—a shorebird that's also called jacksnipe.

They're often found along the margins of ponds and wetlands, where they probe with their long, pointed bills for worms, grubs, and insect larvae. They're normally most active at dawn and dusk. But it was late morning on that snowy, blustery day, and they had apparently come early to pick fine gravel, which helps break down food in their gizzard. No doubt the accumulating snow was behind their sense of urgency.

Contrary to the popular novella and film, Jonathan Livingston Seagull, there is no such bird as a "sea gull." There are many kinds of gulls around the world, including the ring-billed and herring gulls common to our state, and the rarer Franklin's gull sometimes seen in western Minnesota. Gulls are a familiar sight as they ride the breeze, and forage on small fish plucked from a lake's wave tops.

It seems unnatural to find them away from water, scavenging from dumpsters and trash bins near restaurants, grocery stores, parks, and other places where food scraps are discarded. The best you can say is that it's a survival adaptation, just as surely as a bald eagle patrols a heav-

ily-hunted duck marsh to capitalize and make a meal of wounded or unretrieved waterfowl.

With the snow deepening, and a dark gray sky promising more of the same, I watched several gulls huddle in a group in a mall parking lot. One of them pecked at a discarded Burger King bag, a lack of competitiveness from the others suggesting that there were no French fries, chicken strip fragments, or other goodies remaining inside. They looked confounded and forlorn standing there on the snow-covered pavement. But gulls are survivors. They'll stay as long as they can find open water on which to roost, feeding as opportunistic predators and scavengers. When ice covers those waters, they'll move south as far as the next body of open water, ready to reverse course with the arrival of spring.

Almost home, on a county road that follows the curve of a familiar lake, my car's passing startled into flight a band of robins gathered along the asphalt. Was there an apple tree, a wild plum, or some other fruit-bearing trees or shrubs nearby, where this cluster of robins was going ahead of the storm? I've seen their gather-and-gorge behavior almost every fall, in both rural and in-town settings where robins are common, which is just about everywhere.

Some hardy robins will stay north throughout the winter, living on withered fruits, seeds, and backyard bird feeder fare. But most migrate south where food is more readily available. The window of opportunity is narrowing here, and this band of robins flitting and darting nervously along the roadside seemed to know it.

Winter-sensitive mammals respond to major weather changes, too. With a coat of hollow, air-trapping hair that provides excellent insulation from the cold, whitetail deer are well adapted to surviving northern winters. But when snow reaches depths that make travel from feeding to protected bedding areas difficult, deer "yard up," gathering in a confined area close to food sources, where they pack down the snow to make travel easier. Gathering in groups also provides a degree of "herd immunity"—a term we've heard a lot during the COVID-19 pandemic—in their case from predators.

We're still far from having snow depths that would prompt deer to yard up, but that doesn't mean the gathering instinct is not present even now. As my wife and I, and our son and his family took a Saturday morning walk on a road that cuts through a mature pine plantation, we paused to adjust mittens on the hands of his three-year-old. That pause was enough to startle a band of deer that had been watching, immobile, and they moved swiftly in an arc that took them behind us and across the road. The count reached 11 as the last young whitetail leaped to clear the ditch on the road's far side.

Humans feel the impact of sudden weather changes, too. One I recall vividly happened in late October almost three decades ago, when more than 36 inches of snow fell on Halloween, imprisoning my duck hunting partner at his home in the Twin Cities, and foiling our carefully-laid hunting trip plans.

October can be full of surprises.



Mike Rahn

Inside the Outdoors

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Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
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TOWNSHIP VOTING**

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Staples Township	7a.m. – 8 p.m.	Meadowbrook Township	by mail
Villard Township	7a.m. – 8 p.m.	Becker Township	by mail
City of Motley	7a.m. – 8 p.m.	Moose Lake Township	by mail
Moran Township	7a.m. – 8 p.m.	Poplar Township	by mail
Thomastown Township	7a.m. – 8 p.m.	Motley Township	by mail
City of Staples	7a.m. – 8 p.m. (Staples Community Center)	Byron Township	by mail

That at said Regular Hospital District election the following matters will be voted upon: The election of one member to the Hospital District Board for a term expiring December 31, 2024 representing and from each of the following cities and townships:

Staples Township	City of Motley	Moose Lake Township
Villard Township	Poplar Township	Meadowbrook Township

and, the election of one member at large on the Hospital District Board for a term expiring December 31, 2024 representing and from any of the governmental units of the Hospital District and the entire Hospital District which will vote for a member at large are:

Staples Township	Becker Township	Moose Lake Township
Villard Township	City of Motley	Poplar Township
City of Staples	Meadowbrook Township	Motley Township
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U of M Extension to host goat workshop

The University of Minnesota Extension-Todd County will host the 2020 Todd County Area Goat Workshop, via webinar format, on Thursday, Nov. 5, starting at noon. This workshop is intended for both dairy and meat goat producers.

Discussion topics will include:

- Is Body Condition Loss Post-Kidding a Given? — Dr. Joe Armstrong-DVM, U of M Extension
- Carcass Evaluation of Goats & Cooking Tips — Dr. Travis Hoffman, U of M/ NDSU Extension
- Animal Mortality & Proper Carcass Disposal — Troy Salzer, U of M Extension
- Producer Spotlight: Buntjer's RMR Livestock — Mark Buntjer, Long Prairie.

The Buntjers have been raising both commercial and registered Boer goats for many years. They have exhibited goats at local and state shows and have explored various marketing outlets for their goats. Mark will be giving an overview and history of their farm, lessons learned along the way, and future plans for their operation. Farmers,

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Oct. 8 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Jeffrey Herner, 31.

Oct. 12 - The MCSO received a report that the past few nights, someone tried to gain access to vehicles parked outside at the 200 block of Ash St. E., Motley.

Oct. 12 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Timothy Perry, 44.

Oct. 12 - The MCSO received a call from a Cass County deputy, asking that contact be made with a male and female that live at the 34000 block of Hwy 10, Motley. Apparently the female subject's children are not enrolled in any school and social services have not been able to find their whereabouts. The responding MCSO deputy knocked on the camper but no one would answer the door. Both parties have active warrants.

Oct. 9 - The MCSO received a call regarding a man passed out at the pumps at Bricks Travel Center in Motley. The responding officer made contact with the subject who stated that he'd been traveling, was getting sleepy and decided to pull under the canopy because it was well lit. The subject was told that he could sleep over by the big rigs but couldn't block the pumps. He moved his vehicle with-

out issue.

Oct. 20 - The MPD assisted state patrol with a jack-knifed semi-trailer that was blocking the southbound lane of Hwy 10 near Ridge Rd., Motley.

Oct. 19 - The MPD was part of a pursuit of Clint Kasten. According to the report, a KOPS alert had been sent to neighboring counties for a PC (probable cause) arrest for 403. The MPD attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Kasten, known to having a revoked driver's license, after he passed the officer's squad on Hwy 10 in Motley, near East River Rd. The officer also observed that Kasten's female passenger was the listed party and there is a DANCO (Domestic Abuse No Contact Order) between the two of them. As the MPD was attempting to catch up to Kasten's vehicle, he quickly turned off Hwy 10 and pulled into the back parking lot of Morey's Seafood where he stopped and fled on foot. The vehicle was towed and a statement from the passenger was taken.

Oct. 18 - The MPD assisted Staples Police with a report of a large bar fight at Lefty's in Staples. Upon the officer's arrival, the fight was over and he provided cover as the Staples Police spoke to the parties involved.

Oct. 16 - The MPD issued



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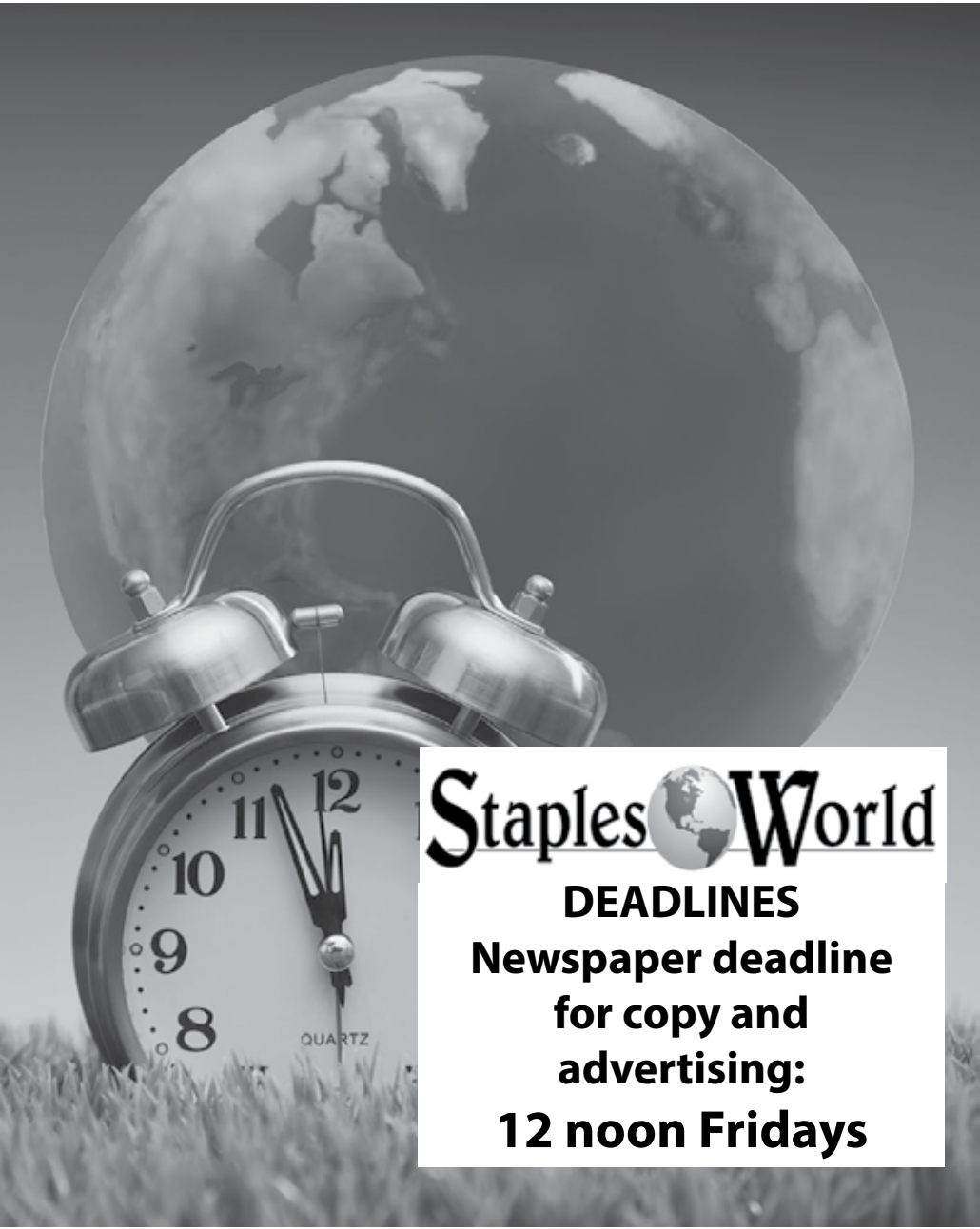
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COVID-19 testing options in Todd County

From Todd County Health and Human Services

Todd County has experienced a significant increase in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks. We encourage those who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been identified as a close contact of someone who has COVID-19 to seek testing.

When to get tested:

If you have any symptoms

- Symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, fatigue, congestion, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Not everyone with COVID-19 has all of these symptoms, and some people may not have any symptoms.

If you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19

In general, being a close contact means you spent more than 15 minutes at less than 6 feet away from someone with COVID-19.

- It can take 2-14 days for COVID-19 to develop, so even if you test negative once, you could still develop COVID-19 later and spread it unknowingly. Talk to your health care provider to get more advice on when

to get tested.

Where to get tested

- CentraCare Online COVID test scheduling at: <https://www.centracare.com/online-appointmentscheduling/covid-testing/> or call CentraCare Connect at 320-200-3200 (for faster response, we recommend calling after 7 p.m.); both services are available 24/7
- Coborn's Pharmacy, Long Prairie: Free, drive thru COVID testing available Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., make an appointment at <https://www.coborns.com/>
- Lakewood Health System: Call 218-894-1515 or visit Click Care at <https://lakewood.zipnosis.com/> available 24/7
- Tri-County Health Care, Bertha Clinic: Call 218-924-2250 or visit TCHC eClinic at <https://tchc.zipnosis.com>, available 24/7.

Appointments are required at all health systems and must be scheduled in advance. Do not show up at your healthcare system without an appointment to get tested for COVID-19. For more information on testing locations in Minnesota visit: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/index.html> Minnesota Helpline:

For questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, call 651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504, Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LSS seeks community partners to distribute meals to Minnesotans in need

LSS Meals, a service of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, is seeking community partners to help distribute 90,000 meals to Minnesotans struggling with nutrition.

Thanks to a recent grant from the Minnesota Department of Education, LSS Meals will provide these meals and snacks to members of our communities at no cost to them. Any Minnesotan who struggles to access proper nutrition during Covid-19 is eligible to receive up to five nutritionally balanced frozen meals and snacks.

For some Minnesotans and their families, loss of income, isolation and school closures make it more difficult to access healthy food. With this grant, which runs through the end of 2020, LSS Meals aims to close some of the nutritional gaps faced by Minnesotans who may not qualify for other food assistance programs.

"Food insecurity has just become an even greater concern for Minnesotans during Covid-19," said Kristin Schurrer, LSS Meals senior director. "People are facing a loss of income during the pandemic and for a lot of families, food is the biggest struggle."

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is currently seeking to partner with congregations, businesses and community organizations to distribute meals. Refrigerated trucks will deliver meals from four Lutheran Social Service kitchens to designated pick-up locations throughout Minnesota where members of the community can collect their meals. Delivery options to individuals may also be available if transportation for Minnesotans is a barrier.

If your organization is interested in hosting a distribution event, contact Dalton Kalina at [dalton.kalina@lssmn.org](mailto:kalina@lssmn.org) or 651-272-8693.

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Going 5-12, What a Change

By Andria Dolezal

Amongst the students of Staples-Motley High School, you hear young voices and laughs float around the hallways and through the classrooms. Mixed with those of older students. As a student, it's a change going from what seems like an almost abandoned hallway to one that is almost half full of people.

It is a drastic change to the older students. It makes the day interesting when the younger kids are mixing with the older students. It's nice to see so many young people getting along in a society that has changed so much in the last few years.

Four years ago, the school board made the decision to take the eighth grade out of the middle school in Motley, and put them in the high school. It was a strange experience going from a full hallway to a half full one. The experience changed again, two years ago, when the school board made the decision to close the middle school in Motley. The hallways got a little crowded and it was harder to navigate with the younger students weaving in and out of the older students at high speed.

This year, the debate about Staples-Motley going back to school was made. The students were given the opportunity to either go to school or do distance learning and many chose to do in school learning. So far apart from the amazing classes and the easy schedule,

some of the older students are vexed with the back talk and the running in the halls. I think that the fifth through seventh grade makes the school crowded and noisier. I think they should find a way to make the halls less crowded and that some of the older students are not happy with the students running down the hallways, while screaming and sass-ing.

I believe that integrating the 5-8 graders was a bad idea due to the fact that when we are in class and the younger students walk by they are loud and are disregarding that they are interrupting classes.

They are being very disrespectful to those who wish to learn and are there for said reason of learning.

They act more like elementary students instead of middle schoolers. Regarding the elementary I believe that they were taught left from right, my question is if they know left from right then why are they walking on the left side of the hallway instead of the hallway? Why are they traveling in packs that fill the hallway?

They have been told and they don't seem to care.

Many people have different opinions, here is mine. That's fine. That's alright. That's the First Amendment. Though many might argue that it was a good decision, they never asked the students what they thought of the idea.

5 Exchange Students this year in Staples-Motley High School

By Jan Castellort and Tony Nguyen

Like most years, the foreign exchange students program is active. Students from all around the globe have come to the United States to spend a year involved in the American Culture.

More than 400 students would come in normal conditions, but with the Covid-19 pandemic, there are 71 students from different countries studying here in the U.S. Five of them are here at Staples-Motley High School. There are two girls from Italy and three boys from Spain, Hungary and Vietnam.

Some of them were interested to give us their opinion about the American Culture, the education system and how their experience has been so far:

"So far everything has been very good to me. Nice friends, nice teachers, gorgeous hosts, everything is better than I expected. I like American Culture, school (the facilities are the best) and right now I'm just looking forward to my future."

-Tony, from Vietnam

"It's so different from home. The school, the food, the culture, the people... I never thought there would be so many differences, but I'm getting used to it. I've been good so far, it's hard but pretty fun. I'm sure this will open lots of opportunities for my future and I'm sure it will be an amazing experience that I'll never forget."

-Jan, from Spain



SM foreign exchange students
Front row: Serena Petralia, Tony Ngyuen. Back: Jan Castellort, Bendaguz Pali, Beatrice Bonazza

having fun at school and I look forward to going there every day, I'm not anxious at all. They organize a lot of things that I've never experienced before (like the homecoming and Cardinal Days) and they really take sports seriously."

"Doing sports has helped me a lot, making new friends and keeping me busy. I feel like I'm living in a movie and I love this."

-Serena, from Italy

"America is giving me a lot: much more self-confidence, I'm more open minded now, I have lots of new friends, an amazing host family and of course, lots of fun. I'm very proud and happy of being part of your community,"

-Beatrice, from Italy

Everyone always has a chance to study and to experiment new things. The student exchange program, even though it only lasts for one year, will definitely be an important part of our life, where we meet new people, new cultures and where we change ourselves, to become a better version of us, a mature version, and a version of being better than yesterday.

Interviews with the school board candidates

By Rafael Caudillo

I had the privilege to interview all five of the school board candidates. Below are the four questions I asked and their responses.

•Why do you want to be on the school board?
Lisa Anderson: Mrs. Anderson is an active parent in the district. She has five children, four currently enrolled here. But in the end she truly cares about the community, district and the students.
Erich Heppner: With the birth of his son Henry, Mr. Heppner really wants to be involved in his son's schooling and his potential friends' education.
Bryan Winkels: Mr. Winkels said that, "staff and education are his passion." He wants to stay on the school board to make the school the best it can possibly be.
Greg Frisk: Mr. Frisk said, "I want our students to be a positive influence on their world, no matter where that is. I want them to be proud of who they are." Mr. Frisk wants to give students the best chance at "having a good school experience and getting a good education."
Jeremy Reeck: Mr. Reeck is a local businessman and has two young children at the elementary school. He wants to help the community any way he can because this is the community that he grew up in and so will his kids.

•What would you do if you were elected?
Lisa Anderson: Mrs. Anderson said, "One thing I feel strongly about is having a unified board that works like a team and really has clear communication with the parents and students because the priority is students and education."
Erich Heppner: Mr. Heppner said, "We have great students, staff, administration, superintendent and good school board members. There is no reason why we shouldn't be the best school district in the area."
He wants to be a part of that. He wants to be a positive voice for the district. But more importantly, Mr. Heppner said he wants to be "a bridge builder."
Bryan Winkels: Mr. Winkels said, "If your gut feeling is to make decisions about what's best for kids you can't go wrong. If you look at my voting record it will show that I have historically tried to support the students and district the best I can."
Greg Frisk: Mr. Frisk said, "If you look at what I have accomplished in the four short years I have been on the school board, I think that it will show that I want to help ensure the best possible outcome for our school district and our community."
Jeremy Reeck: Mr. Reeck said, "I would like to see the school continue to move forward. But I know one problem is the building."

•What important issues facing Staples-Motley are not given proper attention and if they were what would you do about it?

Lisa Anderson: Mrs. Anderson said, "To answer your question there is no major problem that I can see right now. Now this might change as I hopefully get elected and get to see the inner workings of the school."
Erich Heppner: Mr. Heppner said, "I would say that right now we are in the fight of our lives in terms of being able to educate kids during the pandemic." Another point of emphasis Mr. Heppner said, "is giving kids a career and technical education."
Bryan Winkels: Mr. Winkels said, "One thing that I think is a problem with this whole COVID-19 thing is internet reliability for students that choose distance learning. The device is only as good as the internet reliability." Mr. Winkels would like to see internet reliability increase in the district.
Greg Frisk: Mr. Frisk said, "We have some of the poorest counties in the state in our district. Communities on two sides of us have newer buildings, and our voters voted down our efforts to build and or enhance our own facilities."
Jeremy Reeck: Mr. Reeck said, "Obviously the biggest problem is the building. But another problem is that we have some of the poorest counties in the state."

Anything else you want the community to know about you and your campaign for school board?
Lisa Anderson: Mrs. Anderson said, "I would say that no matter if I get elected or not I will still be involved in the school. Not only because I have four kids that go to school here but also because I truly care about the community."
Erich Heppner: Mr. Heppner said, "I want Staples-Motley to be the premier school in the area. I want families to want to choose Staples-Motley not Verndale or Pillager or any other school. I want all of us to work together for the best interest of the kids."
Bryan Winkels: Mr. Winkels said, "Just that I really enjoyed being on the school board. Being on the school board is not as easy as some people think it is. Ultimately, if you look at my voting record I think you will see that I have made decisions that are best for students."
Greg Frisk: Mr. Frisk said, "I vote for our kids, and I vote for you. My wife and I are very involved in our communities, and we have been since we moved back here. We care deeply about you and your families. I would once again appreciate your trust."
Jeremy Reeck: Mr. Reeck has been a volunteer firefighter for 20 years and he still wants to be an active member in the community. Mr. Reeck said, "I want our communities all working together."

Bonus question: What is your position on students being able to wear hats in school?
Mrs. Anderson: yes
Mr. Heppner: yes
Mr. Winkels: yes
Mr. Frisk: no
Mr. Reeck: yes



Prostart 1 class cleaning pumpkins

Above, left to right: Emma Knutson, Megan Franzen, Veronica Barnes, Caroline Perez, Jordan Lundquist, and Dylan Cameron.

Prostart class

My name is Megan Franzen. I am taking the Prostart class with Mrs. Mitts at the high school. This is my first time taking this class and I'm really excited to see how it goes.

In the first couple of weeks of taking the class we cleaned out both squash and pumpkins. We also baked them to get started on our puree. We are planning to try different recipes to use up all of the squash and pumpkin. The whole school district will be able to taste the food we make as well.

Our next project in Prostart will be making monkey bread. This sounds delicious. We are all excited to be in the kitchens. It will be fun to try new recipes and eat delicious foods that we may have not had before, and also to learn how to prepare the foods.

It should be a fun semester in the kitchens.

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