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High Rise picnic

The Lions tent was set up for the Staples High Rise annual picnic, this year for the 50th year anniversary. Photo by Janice Winter

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 2	78°	53°	Sunny
Sept. 3	63	45	M. Sunny
Sept. 4	70	49	Sunny
Sept. 5	78	54	Sunny
Sept. 6	64	47	Sunny
Sept. 7	60	43	M. Cloudy
Sept. 8	59	39	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2019

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 2	72°	57°	Sunny
Sept. 3	64	61	Rain
Sept. 4	66	43	M. Cloudy
Sept. 5	71	57	M. Cloudy
Sept. 6	72	52	Sunny
Sept. 7	66	48	Cloudy
Sept. 8	62	51	M. Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 72° Low = 53°

Rain for Week: 1.38"
Year total rain: 18.85"

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher



Longtime church pianist

Ardis Schimpp of rural Staples recently retired as the pianist at Thomastown Covenant Church, a ministry position she held for 60-plus years. During that time she accompanied the congregation and choir at thousands of services (including special music and the annual Christmas Cantata) and played at countless weddings and funerals. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Ardis Schimpp lives the lyrics of 'Day by Day'

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Faith, family and music are some of the fabric strands woven into the rich tapestry of Ardis (Nygren) Schimpp's life.

Other strands include her Swedish heritage, a love of literature, and a heart for all things rural.

Now 85, Ardis still lives at the farm 10 miles north of Staples in Bullard Township she and her late husband Donovan (Donnie) purchased in 1958.

She still gardens, helps out with chores on occasion (her son Doug has taken over the farm), is chief cookie-baker for the grandkids and great-grandkids (ginger snaps seem to be the favorite), and plays piano on a daily basis. "I just play for myself these days," she says, adding that it's good for her soul and helps keep arthritis at bay.

Just recently, Ardis felt it

was time to step down from her role as pianist at Thomastown Covenant Church, something she had done for nearly 62 years. She dearly loved accompanying the congregation and choir, but the timing of the new music was getting to be difficult. "I decided to hand over the reins to Charity (Sarazin)," Ardis said.

Music has always been an important part of her life.

Born July 14, 1935, Ardis grew up in Compton Township, six miles southwest of Wadena. She was the second of three daughters born to Carl and Ellen (Noreen) Nygren. Eleanor was the oldest and Ina the baby of the family.

Her dad was a farmer and they never had a lot of money, but somehow her parents made sure their girls had music lessons. She started taking piano lessons from Gladys Paulson in

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Todd County investigates shootings, one dead

The Todd County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a shooting in rural Long Prairie around 9:18 p.m. August 29.

The victim's vehicle was later stopped by a Todd County Deputy near the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 71 and Riverside Dr. The driver had suffered gunshot wounds and was transported to Long Prairie Hospital. The passenger suffered an apparent fatal gunshot wound and was pronounced dead at the

scene of the traffic stop.

The investigation revealed that the victims had arranged to meet acquaintances in rural Long Prairie and believed that the meeting was related to a drug transaction. Law enforcement believes the suspect(s) were known to the victims and this appears to be an isolated incident.

The deceased was transported to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, Anoka County, for posi-

tive identification and an autopsy.

The Todd County Sheriff's Office is being assisted by the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The Todd County Sheriff's Office urges anyone that may have seen any vehicles or people near the intersection of County 38 and County 11 between 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. to contact the Todd County Sheriff's Office.



Gardening entrepreneurs

Some Staples boys set up a vegetable stand along Wisconsin Ave. South in Staples Aug. 28, selling apples, cucumbers, sweet corn, onions and more. The boys harvested the produce at their home gardens and hoped to make a few

dollars before the start of school. Pictured, from left, are Ramiro Gallardo, 14; Kristofer Taylor, 13; Jakob Knosalla, 14; and Joe Knosalla, 12. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Care Center identifies COVID-19 case in staff

Lakewood Health System Care Center has identified a positive case of COVID-19 in one of its staff members.

"While this is an unfortunate situation, we are well prepared and doing everything we can to ensure the ongoing safety of our residents and staff," said Kathy Dobson, Vice President of Senior Services. "Aggressive proactive infection control measures and screening procedures were initiated which we believe will help us manage this case as effectively as possible. We have enacted our emergency response plan with heightened infection control protocols, and we are working in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health to ensure we are taking appropriate steps. Our staff and residents are following recommended

preventative actions, we continue to screen staff residents and visitors, and all residents and their primary contacts have been notified."

"As we navigate this challenge, we are especially grateful for our dedicated caregiving team who are working tirelessly to ensure a clean, safe environment for all who live and work here. We all remain focused on providing exceptional care and services for our residents/tenants."

The care center will be completing testing of all residents and staff who work in the care center. Lakewood is continuing to restrict visitors to the facility, with the exception of compassionate care visits, until they are able to confirm there are no longer any positive cases.

COVID-19 still spreading

Wadena County recorded eight new cases of COVID-19 in the week before Aug. 30, which followed a week of 12 cases in the county. For the second week in a row, Todd County recorded seven new cases. Cass County had nine new cases and Morrison County had five.

Transmission is still happening in area counties but at a low rate compared to some neighboring counties. Stearns County (the St. Cloud area) continues to be a hotspot with 159 new cases in the week. Otter Tail County reported 51 new cases and Crow Wing County had 15.

Statewide, COVID-19 cases continue to rise, with new cases reaching up to 950 in one day. A total of 75,189 cases have been detected in Minnesota since the beginning of the epidemic, with 1,816 deaths, with 74 percent of the deaths among residents in long term care facilities.

Public Notices

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Obituary

Rachel Walthall



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Volunteer appreciation picnic



An appreciation picnic was held at Pine Grove Park in Staples Aug. 19, for all who have volunteered at the Staples Area Food Shelf. Pictured above, from left, are Anita Wilson, LaVonne Selleck, Rosemary Petrich, Jan Tyrrell and Darlene Steinkrauss. At left, Frank Leidenfrost, SAFS Director, serves food to guests. In lower photo, far right, is guest speaker Sheila Staves who shared information about the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) benefits available through MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership, Inc. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Staples-Motley implements safe learning plan

By Mark Anderson, Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley Safe Learning Plan was presented to the Staples-Motley School Board at their Aug. 24 meeting. The school year will open on Sept. 8 with full in-person learning, but the plan also has guidelines for distance learning and a hybrid model and guidelines on how to switch to those models if the need arises in the middle of the school year. Students who wish to remain at home for distance learning have an option to do so.

"As COVID-19 changes, this document will be adjusted depending on what our district needs," said Tappe.

The school will continue to follow the guidelines set by the Minnesota Department of Health and executive orders from the governor's office. The MDH uses county COVID-19 data to suggest which model of learning the school should be doing.

With the full in-person learning model, students will be required to wear face masks unless engaged in a physical activity, eating or drinking, working alone or outdoors. The mask rule includes school bus rides. The school will have masks for students who do not have their own. All visitors will be required to wear masks.

The Safe Learning Plan calls for social distancing of six feet as much as possible in classrooms and in hallways. The elementary school will stagger hallway times. Middle school and high school students will carry learning materials with them so they don't have to go back to their lockers between classes.

At the elementary school, lunches will be eaten in the classrooms. Middle and high school lunches will be expanded to reduce the number of students in the cafeteria.

The Safe Learning Plan has information on how to report symptoms and what to do if a positive test occurs.

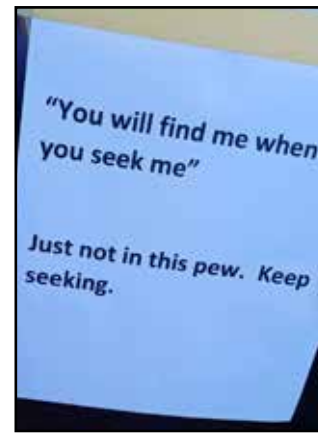
The Safe Learning Plan includes information on how parents can do a daily health check on students before going to school.

The school will follow their regular schedule of 8:20 a.m.-3:05 p.m. for the middle and high school and 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. for the elementary school.

The first week will have staggered classes reporting to school. On Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 8-9, grades 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be in class. On Thursday and Friday, Sept. 10-11, grades K, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 and 12 will have their first classes. Starting Monday, Sept. 14, all students will be in school.



Exploring safe ways to worship



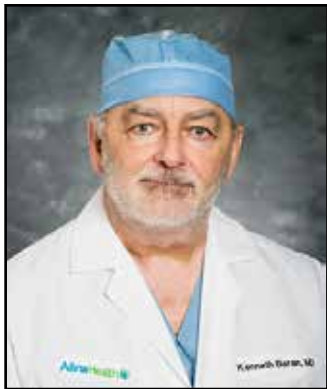
The Motley United Methodist Church opened up for in-house worship Aug. 23, with social distancing measures in place, including roping off every other pew. Since March, the Motley and Staples United Methodist Churches (both pastored by Greg Leslie) have been holding ZOOM services on Sundays, alternating between the two parishes. On Sept. 13, the churches will resume their usual Sunday schedules, with Motley UMC at 9 a.m. and Staples UMC at 10:30 a.m. Protective measures will continue to be put in place during the pandemic and the services will still be available via ZOOM as well. Below: Pastor Leslie held a prayer service at Converse Park in Motley Aug. 25. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Cardiologist Dr. Baran seeing patients in Staples

Minneapolis Heart Institute announced interventional cardiologist Dr. Ken Baran is transitioning his clinic services from St. Joseph's Medical Center, Brainerd, to Minneapolis Heart Institute locations in Baxter, Crosby, Aitkin and Staples.

Dr. Baran was born in Minneapolis. He earned his bachelor's degree from Stanford University and his medical degree from George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Baran returned to Minnesota, where he completed his fellowships in cardiology and interventional cardiology at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Baran's clinical interests include office-based



Dr. Ken Baran

cardiology, coronary artery disease therapies (angioplasty and stenting), valvuloplasty and catheter-based procedures to close atrial septal defects and patent foramen ovals. Dr. Baran

has been a principal investigator conducting clinical research trials in the field of acute coronary syndromes and interventional cardiology.

In his leisure time, Dr. Baran enjoys skiing, fishing, hunting, gardening and mowing the lawn.

"I look forward to continuing to provide cardiology care to the Brainerd Lakes area at the four Minneapolis Heart Institute locations in Baxter, Crosby, Aitkin and our new location in Staples," Dr. Baran said.

Dr. Baran will see clinic patients Monday-Friday at these four locations.

Patients can schedule an appointment by calling: Staples 218-894-8845.



Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Aug. 25 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Tyler Werk, 19.

Aug. 23 - The MPD received a call from a man who reported being hit by a car while riding his bicycle near the 600 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley.

Aug. 22 - The MPD assisted Minnesota State Patrol with a pursuit south of Motley.

Aug. 21 - The MPD responded to a report of an assault at the 400 block of Pine Ave. S., Motley. Loni Kay, 57, was cited for 5th degree assault and transported to Lakewood Health System in Staple for an evaluation.

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Aug. 24 - The MCSO arrested James Russell Parks Jr. on a probably

cause for felony fleeing and terroristic threats. The incident took place at the 200 block of Hwy 10 W., Motley.

Aug. 22 - The MCSO assisted state patrol with a pursuit that entered into Morrison County from Todd County. Deputies conducted an article search for items tossed during the pursuit near railroad tracks in Todd County. Nothing was located.

Aug. 21 - The MCSO arrested Shawn Lee Boyd, 29, for alcohol and drugs, per his probation officer.

Aug. 21 - The MCSO received a report from a resident at the 1000 block of 320th St. in Cushing that someone had stolen his Trump sign from his yard. The sign is valued at \$25.

Lakewood's Motley clinic reopens

Lakewood Health System's Motley clinic will be reopening on Tuesday, Sept. 1. They will be a dedicated 'well' clinic, seeing patients

for preventative care and management of ongoing medical conditions.

The clinic will be open Monday through Friday

from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To schedule an appointment at the Motley clinic, call 218-894-1515.

COVID-19 Business Assistance Program

Grants of up to \$5,000 each are available to Wadena County small businesses who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Funding is made possible through the federal CARES Act.

Applications are due to the Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer's Office by September 11, 2020

To view the terms and conditions, or to apply, visit www.co.wadena.mn.us

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Eligibility—To qualify, businesses must...

- Be able to demonstrate that the business has been adversely affected by COVID-19
- Have a physical commercial location in Wadena County
- Registered with the MN Secretary of State and have been operating long enough to demonstrate financial viability
- Be current on all financial obligations as of March 1, 2020
- Have 50 or fewer employees

Questions? Contact the Auditor/Treasurer's Office at 218-631-7621

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Looking back

75 YEARS AGO - 1945

Sept. 6, 1945 - J. B. Johnson, a pioneer of the Poplar community, observed his 89th birthday anniversary on Sept. 1, when Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sheldon of Rosholt, S.D., and other relatives gathered at the home in honor of the occasion.

Mr. Johnson and his family moved to the Poplar vicinity from Fredrick, Iowa. He has seen that pioneer settlement develop into a prosperous community, and has had a great deal to do with this development.



Mystery Photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Sept. 10, 1970 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are

from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

He has always been active in community affairs, and served for many years as town supervisor and justice of the peace. He is in good health, considering his advanced age, and his mind is still active, and he enjoys keeping up on present day topics.

Sept. 6, 1945 - Thieves stole most of all the watermelons from the Tom Parker garden in southeast Staples Tuesday, and this is a severe loss to Mr. and Mrs. Parker.

The row of melons was about 150 feet, and the vines were full of the fruit. Just how many melons were taken, Mr. Parker could not determine, but he did state that the culprits would not have very good eating of the melons at the present time, as they were a little too green, as he and his wife had sampled one several days prior to the theft.

Sept. 6, 1945 - 'Blanche's Cafe is re-opened in the Motley. Blanche re-opened her Cafe Tuesday after having it closed for the past week for remodeling. Another counter and stools have been put in, the show cases moved to make more room, and a new floor put in, all of which adds to make it more attractive.

Sept. 6, 1945 - Mrs. Guy Irwin reported in the Motley News, that W. N. Morey who is a lover of flowers of all kinds, showed your reporter a dahlia this week that measured 8 inches in

diameter and close to 24 inches around. The flower was a gorgeous red dahlia. Mr. Morey has a beautiful flower garden at the entrance of the Methodist church, which is admired every Sunday besides by many other passers-by.

50 YEARS AGO - 1970

Sept. 10, 1970 - Another step forward was given the Staples community recently in the offering of medical services when the Staples Municipal Hospital was granted accreditation.

Seven members comprise the Staples Municipal Hospital Board, all appointed by the Staples City Council. Lloyd Harkcom is the chairman, with members Robert Hankey, Robert C. Lee, Lloyd Nelson, Matt Shea, Howard Olsen and Robert Rego.

Dr. T. J. Lelwica is the chief of staff, with other medical staff members being Dr. W. J. Lund, Dr. William I. Mennis, Dr. John Muus, Dr. V. J. Thompson and Dr. C. F. Reichelderfer.

Sept. 10, 1970 - Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jenkins will leave Saturday morning for Miami, Florida, where they will board the Norwegian liner, M. S. Skyward, bound for Las Crobas, Puerto Rico, then on to San Juan, Puerto Rico and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. On the return they will stop at Nassau, Bahamas. The eight-day trip is provided to the Jenkins as a reward for sales promotions.

25 YEARS AGO - 1995

Minnesota Association of School Administrators informed the Staples Independent School District No. 793 last Friday that the Special Milk Program in the schools has been discontinued.

Parents in the Staples schools will be greatly affected by the new ruling, school officials reported. No longer will children be able to purchase milk for a mid-morning break at 2 cents per carton. All milk now being sold at the 2 cent rate will be increased to 6 cents per carton.

25 YEARS AGO - 1995

Sept. 7, 1995 - Ken Scarbrough is the new superintendent at Staples Motley Schools.

Sept. 7, 1995 - Three people walked away from an airplane crash Sunday morning just east of Staples.

Two young passengers suffered only minor injuries and were treated and released at the Greater Staples Hospital, according to the Todd County Sheriff's Department.

Jerald Madison, 45, of Bloomington was the pilot of the Cessna 175 which crash landed around 11 a.m. in a swampy area in Villard Township two miles east of Staples and about a mile south of Highway 10.

Two passengers who suffered cuts and bruises were 14-year-old Christine Lorentz of Lester Prairie and 15-year-old Jennie

Tabat of St. Francis.

The Todd City Sheriff's Dept. reported the plane was on a pleasure flight from the Motley-Lincoln area to the Staples airport when its engine failed. The pilot brought it down in a swampy area, where it came to rest on its top.

After getting his two passengers out of the plane, Madison walked to the Neil and Karen Brownell home about a quarter mile away. There Julie and Loren Brownell assisted them.

Sept. 7, 1995 - Five handguns were stolen from a display case at the Staples Coast to Coast store, according to reports from the Staples Police Department.

Dave Lester, owner of the store, reported the theft Wednesday, Aug. 30. The guns were kept in a display case that is normally locked.

Sept. 7, 1995 - The Staples Motley School District last week honored teachers with 25 or more years with the district. These included Rosie Blessing, Judy Tollefson, Don Flaten, Pam Sachs and Coralie DeWald.

10 YEARS AGO - 2010

Sept. 9, 2010 - Natasha Olson and her son Nick Olson of rural Staples shared their story of becoming United States citizens on Aug. 4, 2010. They moved to Minnesota from the Ukraine in 2001, when Natasha married Glenn Olson, whom she had met the previous year.

Although giving up her Ukrainian citizenship was "bittersweet," Natasha said she is very happy and proud to be an American and is looking forward to voting in November.

Sept. 9, 2010 - Rob Freelove is the new director for the Staples Area Women's Chorus and Andrew Stoneking is the new accompanist.

Freelove, the Music Director at Pillager High School, is taking the place of Steve Hoemberg, who is now directing the Staples Area Men's Chorus. Stoneking, a 2009 graduate of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, is the new music teacher at Pillager Elementary.

Sept. 9, 2010 - Approximately 400 - 500 people attended last weekend's "The Gathering" held at the Motley Fairgrounds. The event, sponsored by the Motley Area Historical Society, included a dedication of the old school bell, displays of family histories, food and entertainment.



Farmer's Market going strong

A number of fresh vegetables and fruits, as well as baked goods, honey and syrup were available from vendors at the Staples Area Farmer's Market Aug. 27. Pictured above is Lois Detloff, one of the vendors. Below, Gloria Palmer of Staples shops for vegetables offered by Nathan Deyle, who owns Stone Hill Farms of Browerville, along with his wife, Nikki (not pictured). (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Watermelon time

The Halvorson family of Staples purchased a watermelon from Paul Wicht (in background), a local grower who had a stand set up along Hwy 10 in Staples Aug. 27. From left are Tony, Amanda, Teddy and Maria Halvorson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Sept. 3, 1970 edition of the Staples World, featured third grade students at Sacred Heart School with their teacher, Mrs. Phillip St. Pierre.

From left are Tommy Giza, Kathryn Lauer, Steven Volesky, Steven Scott and Michelle Hankey.

There were no responses for this photo.

Attention turned to cover crops

From Todd County SWCD

Cover crops, cover crops, cover crops. Seems like any farm magazine we pick up, a local field day that we may attend, or a website we may visit, mentions cover crops. Well folks, there is a good reason for that. Up here in the North Country, our growing season is short. The time after corn and soybean harvest to establish a cover crop is either too short or nonexistent. There are some options for that but for now, we will discuss the opportunity to establish a cover crop after small grain harvest.

I already know what some of you are thinking: "I leave the volunteer grain grown in my field after harvest until a frost or until I till the soil to terminate it."

If you are already doing that, great. That grain growth will help to soak up excess nutrients released by manure or soil organic matter.

But if you want to take it to the next level, a cover crop mix is the answer. The reason behind a cover crop mix or a "cocktail" as some call it (bet I got your attention now), is multiple species of crops growing at once to provide food for above and below ground critters.

It's a win-win deal. Above ground you have the opportunity to graze your cover crop and extend your pasture season. You may choose to put a flowering species in your mix to feed the pollinators. Below ground, the different roots exude food for soil microbes and bacteria

that are working to convert organic matter to available nutrients.

Think about this: one teaspoon of productive, healthy soil contains between 100 million to 1 billion bacteria. All those microbes and bacteria need

to be fed. As you are prepping your combine for small grain harvest, take a second to think about cover crops. There is a reason behind all the attention they have been receiving lately.

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224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN, 218-894-1112

COVID-19 Non-Profit Relief Grant Program SEDA/City of Staples

The City of Staples has allocated funds received through the CARES Act for Corona Virus Relief to assist non-profits in the Staples community. This grant is intended to reimburse the costs of operation interruption caused by the pandemic up to \$5,000.

The application can be found on The City of Staples website at www.staples.govoffice.com or by contacting Staples City Hall at 218-894-2550.

All applications are due by September 16 with review of applications taking place on September 17.

For questions regarding the grant program or the grant application, contact Melissa Radermacher, Staples Economic Development Authority, at 218-296-2254 or mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us



Continuing precautions in senior living

By Kathy Dobson
Vice President of Senior Services, Lakewood Health System

I witness daily the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 crisis as we work relentlessly to protect our vulnerable seniors and the staff that cares for them.

Our top priority is the care and safety of our residents, clients, and tenants. Even before the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in a Minnesota senior care setting, we were already limiting visitors in our care center and assisted living buildings, initiating social distancing, and expanding our infection control procedures.

We could not fight this battle without the dedication of our remarkable staff of caregivers. Every day, they risk their own health to provide our residents and tenants with the support and compassion they need. I am in awe of

their determination and courage and I am proud to work with such an amazing team of caregivers. They show up every day, risking their own health and safety, to care for our loved ones with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Thank you to all the staff that work in our care center, assisted living buildings, home health, hospice, and palliative care services.

Today, our caregivers continue to maintain a variety of critical safety protocols. They are screened daily and tested as indicated. They wear PPE (such as masks/face shields, gowns and gloves) while at work. While there are still limits on how the public can interact with the residents living in our settings, there are a number of ways they have safe, meaningful social interaction: socially distanced meals and activities, outdoor and window visits, and visits with designated loved ones who help with daily care.

Our vigilance has saved lives. But the fight is far from over.

Even now, we continue to adjust to numerous changes in regulation and guidance surrounding the pandemic. We are constantly working to procure enough testing and protective equipment for our staff. Until we have a vaccine, these key resources are critical to our efforts to prevent the virus from spreading.

We recognize the desire to fully resume regular visitation in our care center and assisted living settings, but until we have better tools to prevent this deadly virus from entering our buildings, fully easing visitor restrictions continues to be too great a risk to the health of our seniors and those who care for them.

As we look ahead, we cannot underestimate the ongoing threat of the virus. I thank each of you for partnering with us to keep our older adults safe.

Back to school health hacks

From Todd County Health and Human Services

To have a great school year, kids need to stay healthy. Healthy students are better learners. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has tips for parents and schools to help children and teens get fit and stay healthy whether they're just starting kindergarten or heading off to high school.

- Wash your hands
- Germs are everywhere. Touch a surface where germs are lurking, then touch your face, and you can get sick.
- Eat well and be active
- School a great place to

learn and practice healthy eating – a gift that keeps on giving for a lifetime. And did you know that being physically active can help reduce anxiety and even help with a child's focus in school?

• Don't use E-cigarettes
The nicotine in e-cigarettes can harm the developing adolescent brain – specifically the areas of the brain that are responsible for learning, memory, and attention.

• Connect with kids at school and home

“Adolescent connectedness” refers to children's sense of belonging, of being cared for and supported by parents, teachers, and other

important people. Teens with higher levels of connectedness are less likely to experience adverse health outcomes in adulthood.

• Get vaccinated
From newborns to college students, getting vaccinated can help protect children and teens as they grow into adulthood. Making sure their children get vaccinated is one of the most important things parents can do to protect the health of their child. Vaccinations also protect a child's classmates, friends, relatives, and others in the community.

Modified from cdc.gov

Letters to the Editor

Slanted coverage

I feel like your article on Bryce Williams portrayed him as some kind of folk hero, it was inherently in-

correct and further espoused violence.

Where does this guy get his money to protest all over the country?

The police have pics of him committing arson, but in his opinion they are the bad guys. I find that terribly

abhorrent, I know there are bad cops but the ones I have known and worked with in this city as well as other Minnesota cities I have found no fault with.

Kerry West
Staples, Minn

Campaign vandalism

Last Saturday at 10:01 p.m. the person in this picture trespassed on my property and stole a Trump for President campaign sign.

There are certainly plenty of reasons to either support or reject both major party candidates for President this year. Like many, I have struggled with this decision. A discussion of these reasons would be a helpful conversation as we attempt to prioritize the importance of the candidates' policies. Stealing or destroying campaign materials only tends to further drive us into opposing tribes, harden our “us versus them” mentality, and immunize us from a rational discussion.

I would like the person who took the sign to take responsibility for their action, apologize and endeavor to do better. I would encourage anyone who might recognize



Trump sign stolen

Stan and Diane Carlson captured this photo of a person stealing a Trump campaign sign from their yard in Staples Aug. 29. (Submitted photo)

the individual in the picture to report that information to the police.

Stan Carlson
Staples, Minn

Remembering Railroad Days

This is the week we would normally be printing dozens of photos from Railroad Days in Staples. The coronavirus put a stop to the celebration this year, so this might be a good time to reflect on what makes the celebration great and why we hold this yearly event.

Ask yourself the following questions:

What is your favorite Railroad Days moment?

Why do people go to the event every year?

What other events could be held to go with next year's celebration?

Before I got to my own answers, years ago I asked those questions in another community about their celebration. One response I got was a person who loved the bed races they had decades before and he wanted to bring the bed races back. I don't know what a bed race is, I'm guessing they dressed up in costumes and decorated beds with wheels and pushed them down the street.

In the end, the bed races never came back, he couldn't get enough support for it. But my point is that something simple, fun and silly could be somebody's favorite moment in any celebration.

My own favorite moments of Railroad Days are watching local music being made, including Wayne

Renn, Aitas and other local bands, plus the Staples Sings contestants. Many other small towns do not have the quality of music that we have enjoyed over the years.

I liked the music when it was hot and sunny and I liked it when they were playing through pouring rain. The weather has a lot to do with it. There hasn't been a normal Railroad Days for several years, as weather seems to keep changing the event for us.

When I attended Railroad Days planning meetings in past years, I would often joke with Chamber Director Barb Cline when she mentioned contingency plans in case of rain.

“Don't worry, it never rains in August,” I would tell her.

Her normally cheerful face would shoot me a dirty look and she would say “sure, only the last three years have had major downpours.”

Let us know your favorite Railroad Days moments, which could be helpful for planning future events. The traditions that make our community great still need refreshing every year, as our world changes and our community changes. And if it turns out that we all want bed races, we'll have to have some fun with that.



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Quote of the week
“They give you a round bat, and they throw you a round ball, and then they tell you to hit it square.”
— Willie Stargell

Quote of the week three
“Well, it took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball, and I did it in one afternoon on the golf course.”
— Hank Aaron

Quote of the week two
“It's unbelievable how much you don't know about the game you've been playing your whole life.”
— Mickey Mantle



High Rise in Staples celebrates 50 years

The Staples High Rise observed 50 years with a celebration picnic on the patio Aug. 27. Tours of the building were given throughout the day and cake and coffee were served. Above: Some of the current residents gathered for the meal including Betty Smith (6 year resident), Laura

Picker, Irene Kastanek, Karen Smith, Ann Lange, Marcie Martin, Annette Crocker, Lyda Cocking, Carol Heldman and Felicia Tousey. Bruce Hoyt and Everett Doyle were at an adjoining table. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Aubrey Lang and Ally Pesola enjoyed their hot dogs.



Curbside service to Mary Sperley by Buckley Blanchard.



Picnic goodies

Tim Wickman (left) stopped by for a meal receiving a root beer float from Debbie Pesola. Brittany Ziegler, seated, helps a youngster. Brat, hot dog and bun servers (background) included Bobbi Blanchard, Mona LaValley and Jeanne Miller.



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 Beverley Bernard
 Eric Jeremy

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:
 Born to Traci Haapala and Seth Kern of Staples, a baby girl, Evelyn Mae weighing six pounds, six ounces on August 23, 2020.
 Born to Michelle Martin and Tristan Pierce of Motley, a baby girl, Ophelia Evelyn weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on August 24, 2020.
 Born to Kaitlin and Stephen Rondeau of Motley, a baby boy, Jackson Eugene weighing nine pounds, 12 ounces on August 24, 2020.

Born to Nicole and Michael Kevelin of Pine River, a baby boy, Jeremiah Dean weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on August 24, 2020.
 Born to Sarah and Nick Skjonsby of Park Rapids, a baby boy, Landry Dean weighing seven pounds, four ounces on August 24, 2020.
 Born to Shelby and Paul Funk of Menahga, a baby girl, Sage Elaine weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on August 25, 2020.
 Born to Alexis Mayer and Logan Stoner of Little Falls, a baby girl, Cora Jean weighing eight pounds, one ounce on August 25, 2020.
 Born to Autumn and Chauncey Hanson of Aitkin, a baby girl, Sophia Jane weighing eight pounds on August 25, 2020.
 Born to Whelma and Gavin Hennessy of Pine River, a baby boy, Elim

Michael weighing five pounds, 11 ounces on August 25, 2020.
 Born to Ashlyn and Christopher Lange of Motley, a baby boy, Jameson Timothy weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on August 25, 2020.
 Born to Emily and Chad Olson of Clarissa, a baby boy, Leo Thaddeus weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on August 26, 2020.
 Born to Kelly and Anthony Pogreba of Staples, a baby girl, Winona Ann weighing seven pounds, four ounces on August 26, 2020.
 Born to Alyssa and Derek Lipke of Royalton, a baby boy, Liam Daniel weighing six pounds, four ounces on August 27, 2020.
 Born to Kaitlyn and Matthew Doss of Brownville, a baby girl, Ariella Grace weighing five pounds, five ounces on August 27, 2020.

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

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

First Congregational Church, UCC
 firstconuocstaples@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 Smees
 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
 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 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
 25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
 320-749-2140
 Pastor Carl Larson
 Associate Pastor: Carleton Smees
 www.bethanylutherancushing.org
 Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
 Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
 Pancake Breakfast.....11:45 a.m.
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Lincoln Evangelical Free
 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
 Phone: 218-575-2449
 www.lincolnefree.org
 Facebook Lincoln E Free
 Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
 Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
 Associate Pastor/Youth Joe Reigstad
 SUNDAY
 Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
 Facebook Live.....10:00 a.m.
 YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY
 Praise & Prayer.....6:30 p.m.

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

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

Maple Hill Lutheran
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 Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
 Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
 Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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Motley
Motley Free Methodist
 33 Wellwood St. E
 Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
 Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
 Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
 Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
 facebook live.....9 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY
 Youth Group.....6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

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 MASS:
 Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
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 Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

First Baptist
 903 River Street South, Pillager
 Pastor Jake Anderson
 218-746-3768
 curious@fbcpillager.com
 Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
 Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.
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Church of the Nazarene
 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
 218-924-2028
 Pastor Wayne Hoffert
 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY
 Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

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

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

Verndale
Verndale Alliance
 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
 218-445-5619
 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
 Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
 Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
 11-11:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Obituary

Rachel Walthall



Rachel "Rae" Campbell Jordan Walthall, almost 107, passed away peacefully August 21, 2020 at Lakewood Care Center, Staples.
 A celebration of life will be held at a later date, with arrangements by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel-Staples.
 Rae lived a full and active life. She will always be remembered for her loving and gentle spirit, an infectious giggle and her great appreciation for nature. She was a beloved wife, mother of three, grandmother of 10, great-grandmother of 25, great-great-grandmother of 12 and a true friend to many. She will also be remembered for her hula abilities, even at age 100.
 Rae was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on October 4, 1913 to Maria Deleon Jordan and Herbert Ray Jordan, Sr. She spent her childhood years catching crabs, swimming in the ocean, surfing, camping, watching Hawaiian fisherman bringing in their nets and enjoying all other outdoor activities. After graduating from McKinly High School in 1931, she attended the University of HI for one year and then moved to the mainland to attend St. Luke's Nursing School in San Francisco, California.
 Upon graduating with her nursing degree, Rae returned to Hawaii and was a registered Nurse at Waipahu Hospital on the Sugar Plantation. She married Joseph Anthony Walthall, Sr. and they started a family. They witnessed the bombing of Pearl Harbor and as a nurse Rae immediately helped in taking care of the many wounded soldiers. Shortly after, the family left on the Aquitania for a safer environment moving to Hollywood, Chicago and eventually settling in Minneapolis. They lived there for 25 years raising their children and enjoying boating up and down

the Mississippi River. Rae enjoyed using her nursing skills working with polio victims at Sister Elizabeth Kenny Institute. Due to her husband, Joe's job transfer, their next move was to Ohio where Rae stayed for 40 years. For part of her time there, she was the Director of Nursing at Darlington House in Toledo. She was widowed in 1982 after 44 years of marriage.
 In 2008 Rachel moved to Lakewood Pines in Staples, living there for 11 years before moving to the Care Center. She had a sincere appreciation for many friends and the care she received while residing there.
 Rae was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one daughter, Barbar Ann Aller; son-in-law Garry Aller; one brother, Herbert Ray Jordan, Jr. and sister-in-law Virginia Jordan.
 She is survived by one son, Joseph Anthony (Joetta) Walthall, Jr.; one daughter, Patricia Diane (Dan) Goncalves; eight grandchildren, Chad (Jenni) Walthall, Eric (Melissa) Walthall, AmyJo (Micah) Benson, Kaye (Mark) Eishen, Anne (Gary) Eishen, Conne (Joe) McCafferty, Jess (Nicole) Mincin, Nick (Yaiza) Goncalves; two step-grandchildren, Cam (Ericka) Aller and Brenda (Tim) Jones and many great and great-great grandchildren.

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

"Life's Bowling Alley Gutter Bumpers"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Picture with me a time when you were at a bowling alley (thank you Wadena Lanes and Jack's House), when there was open bowling. You see families gathered around a lane or two. If we are extra blessed, there will be young children present to grace our lives with their faces and sounds.
 At times, an additional feature accompanies the lanes that children are bowling on. Years ago, long inflated bumpers would lay in the gutter. More recently, built-in automated metal gutter guards can be brought up. What is the purpose? Obviously, it is to keep the bowling ball going forward instead of ending up in the gutter. Even a child is disheartened when the attempt to bowl ends up in the gutter before hitting the pins. I'm familiar with that experience!
 It strikes me that there is a life lesson to be applied with those gutter bumpers or guards. Again, the point of bowling is to hit the pins, not the gutter. In life, the point is to live fruitfully for God and not in waywardness into life's gutters. (It is for another time to pursue, but

God has a marvelous plan to get us out of life's gutter called sin. Literally, thank God for His gifts of confession, repentance and forgiveness!) But again, the point of God-given life is to live in ways that veer toward Him and away from sin-gutters.
 Proverbs 4:13 (NASB) says, "Hold on to {God's} instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life." Proverbs 23:19 says, "Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path." Implicit in these verses is that there is an opposite way to true living and it needs to be identified and avoided. Proverbs 14:12 says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." This certainly addresses the dangerous myth that "any way every person wants to live is okay and needs to be legally protected." So, let's build in life bumpers to avoid life's gutters and send us toward God. We do this through knowing God's Word and prayer. Then, we are ready to live it out in true life - Love! Remember, God's love is defined by a costly cross with His Son.

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Confident front line

The Staples-Motley number one doubles team of Jenna Dvorak and Haley Cichos are a tough duo to get a ball past,

pictured here both coming to the net to earn a point. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Tennis team impresses with two wins

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team won their first two matches of the season with powerful wins against Detroit Lakes and Wadena-Deer Creek.

Against Detroit Lakes on Aug. 25, the Cardinals were challenged early in some of the matches but they kept hitting hard shots to make sure they came out on top.

"These girls are hungry for wins this year," said Coach Nathan Thelen. "It's also fun to see them smiling and having so much fun while playing."

Rose Han didn't drop a single game at number two singles in the two matches, as all four singles players notched two wins.

Team results Staples-Motley 6, Detroit Lakes 1

Singles: Lauren Rutten-W 6-0, 6-2; Rose Han W 6-0, 6-0; Kenzie Erickson W 6-3, 6-2; Allison Knosalla W 6-1, 6-0

Doubles: Haley Cichos/Jenna Dvorak W 6-3, 6-2; Georgia Kruchten/Tess Jones W 6-2, 6-4; Nicki Carter/Amy Rollins L 3-6, 5-7

Staples-Motley 7, Wadena-Deer Creek 0

Singles: Rutten W 6-1, 5-7, 10-7; Han-W 6-0, 6-0; Erickson W 6-0, 6-2; Knosalla W 6-4, 6-0; Exhibition: Rollins W 8-2



Power return

Allison Knosalla attacks a shot against Detroit Lakes.

Doubles: Cichos/Dvorak W 6-1, 7-5; Kruchten/Jones W 6-4, 6-4; Carter/Corrine Olson W 7-6 (7-4), 6-3



Hitting with pace

Lauren Rutten whips a forehand shot.



Getting to the ball

Kenzie Erickson catches up to a deep shot.

Cross country season starts with perfect score

The Staples-Motley cross country teams opened their season against a pair of developing teams, with the result of the Cardinal runners nearly sweeping the scores. The boys team had a perfect score of 15, which means they had the top five runners in the race. The girls team was one point away from a perfect score.

The race had notable performances for a pair of siblings who were among the frontrunners in their first varsity race for Staples-Motley. Lyle Brownell was third for the boys and Audrey Brownell was third for the girls. Logan Robben and Grant Johnson were the sixth and seventh finishers for the boys, becoming varsity scorers for the first time.

The Cardinals will face stronger competition in their next meet, Thursday, Sept. 3, at 4 p.m. at Wadena-Deer Creek.

Team results

Varsity boys
5,000 meters
Staples-Motley 15, Pillager 50, Crosby-Ironton incomplete
1. Emmet Anderson 16:11, 2. Issiah Tabatt 18:10, 3. Lyle Brownell 18:14, 4. Tanner Robben 18:15, 5. Luke Brownell

18:38, 6. Logan Robben 18:52, 7. Grant Johnson 19:19, 8. Sam Jennissen 19:57, 9. Dillan Robben 20:45, 18. Evan Allen 28:25, 19. Alex Brings 30:37

Middle school boys

2,500 meters
1. Gage Bjerga 10:05, 2. Colbe Tappe 10:15, 3. Garrett Bjerga 10:23, 6. Gabe Kroll 10:47, 7. Justin Olson 11:47, 9. Reid Judd 12:39, 11. Zachary Tabatt 13:01, 13. Luke Bjerga 13:21

Varsity girls

5,000 meters
Staples-Motley 16, Crosby-Ironton 56, Pillager 56

1. Kyanna Burton 20:43, 2. Aften Robinson 20:56, 3. Audrey Brownell 21:15, 4. Ashley Robben 21:59, 6. Naila Mikhaeil 22:34, 8. Addisyn Cichos 24:54, 18. Abby Brown 27:13, 23. CJ Koval 34:52

Middle school girls

2,500 meters
3. Bella Hines 11:37, 5. Sophie Schlosser 12:01, 8. Suhaila Mikhaeil 13:39, 11. Brooke Bendson 15:07, 12. Addy Toepper 15:28



Alex Brings



Abby Brown



Luke Brownell, left, Tanner Robben, right



Naila Mikhaeil

Wild critters have the personality we give them

It's questionable if we'll ever know for sure the level of personality that some non-human creatures can have. Primate researcher Jane Goodall, who worked for decades with chimpanzees, would say emphatically that her subjects—though a rung or two down the evolutionary ladder from us—do have individual personalities. On the other hand, we'd raise our eyebrows if someone said the same was true of a snail, or a northern pike.

When it comes to the animal kingdom, we're more likely to think of personality as something that applies to an entire species, rather than an individual. And, as social creatures who have a value system that guides our lives, when we observe some wild creatures' behaviors we make judgments about them—good or bad, accurate or off-base—just as we sometimes profile others of our own kind.

Sometimes our judgments influence more than just our attitude. My late father-in-law, Pat, kept a single-shot Stevens .410 shotgun in a convenient corner of his cabin, and was known to use it from time to time to thin the local population of red squirrels. It's

unlikely that he had a long term effect on the population, and in the short term his occasional successes created an opportunity for a young red squirrel to take the place of the one that was recently deceased. Nature abhors a vacuum, the saying goes.

Knowing my father-in-law as I did, I suspect it was satisfying to him in a perverse sort of way. He was convinced that the red squirrels that inhabited the cabin's neighborhood, would—if given the chance—chew their way into places they didn't belong; maybe chew through electrical wires and burn the place down. Or maybe build a nest somewhere above the cabin's false ceiling, or in its un-insulated walls, and make scampering noises in the night that would keep him awake as he plotted revenge.

Red squirrels seem to have acquired a reputation as being not just destructive, but nasty. Every so often I'll see one chasing a much larger gray squirrel up a tree, or across the lawn. I can think of no sensible reason why the much larger gray squirrel couldn't stand up to its smaller relative, but that never seems to happen. The red squirrel inevitably bounces the gray squirrel out of its territory. In a recent encounter, I watched the red squirrel chase the gray cross the lawn and up a neighbor's oak tree. After spiraling up the trunk several times, the red squirrel left the gray somewhere up in the oak's topmost branches, properly

"schooled."

Red squirrels have even had a certain bizarre mythology grow up around them. Outlandish as it may seem, they've been accused of castrating—neutering—gray squirrels. Squirrel hunters, so the story goes, have occasionally harvested gray squirrels and found that part of their anatomy damaged, or missing. They attributed it to the aggressive pursuits of red squirrels.

The real explanation, supported by science, is a parasitic fly. Given the opportunity, the fly lays eggs in this unprotected area of a squirrel's anatomy. The eggs hatch, and the larvae consume the squirrel's reproductive organs. Because red squirrels so often chase gray squirrels, the mistaken conclusion was reached that they suppress gray squirrel numbers "surgically." In this case, the red squirrel definitely was given a bad rap.

Red squirrels are certainly not alone in being tagged with personalities or attributes we've given them. Where the red squirrel is considered quarrelsome and a bully, its close relative the chipmunk is considered so cute and universally lovable it's been immortalized in cartoon characterizations like Alvin & the Chipmunks, and Disney's Chip & Dale. Chipmunks show little fear in scampering between the legs of our deck chairs, even when we're in them. Even our Labrador tolerates and refuses to chase them.

There's more. We con-

sider the bald eagle majestic and a symbol of power, while the turkey vulture is generally considered a foul and ugly opportunist feeding on the dead. Yet both birds scavenge to survive. Besides hunting live prey, our national symbol will steal a meal from other predators and routinely subsists on dead fish it finds on the waters in whose proximity it nests. I've watched them harry and capture wounded ducks, and even swoop down to heist a dead duck floating in among the decoys. So much for majesty!

An adult loon is a consummate diver and underwater swimmer, and will eat roughly two pounds of fish per day. We accept this competition for fish, perhaps because of the loon's great beauty, as well as its haunting call that speaks of wilderness. But the cormorant, another exceptionally efficient fish-eating water bird, is not so revered. It's less handsome, nests in dense, raucous colonies, and we are extremely jealous of the fish it eats. So much so that the cormorant has been the object of occasional extermination programs. So much for even-handedness!

Certainly there are other examples of personality and character that we bestow on wild creatures, sometimes out of human prejudices that have rhyme and reason only to us. These creatures just go about their business as Nature has programmed them to, oblivious to what we think and how we might judge them.

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TCC continued from page 10a participate in the development and implementation of comprehensive watershed management plans (CWMP) embracing 1W1P statewide by 2025, and

WHEREAS, Todd County has signed resolutions to support the development of these CWMP, and WHEREAS, Todd County has participated in the 1W1P development for the Sauk River and the Red Eye River Watersheds, submitted a grant application for 1W1P development for the Long Prairie River Watershed, had participated in the WRAPS development for the Mississippi River- Brainerd and Mississippi- River- Sartell Watersheds in preparation for those 1W1Ps, with intention to participate in plan development for the Crow Wing Watershed, and

WHEREAS, Todd County is requesting an extension to update the comprehensive local water plan until December 31, 2025 and assures continued effort toward completion of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans within the county boundary by said date, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources has authorization to grant extensions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §103B.3367;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners supports the County in a request to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources for an extension of the effective date of the current County Comprehensive Local Water Manage-

ment Plan until December 31, 2025, in order to complete the development of the remaining comprehensive watershed management plans within the boundary of Todd County.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2021 donation of \$7,000 to Hilltop Regional Kitchen.

Jackie Och, HHS Director presented an update on the COVID-19 Situation for discussion.

Closed Session

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to MN Statute §13D.05 Subd. 3(a) at 9:45 a.m.

Chairperson Kircher reopened the meeting at 10:12 a.m. A positive review for Adam Ossefoort, PZ/ SWCD Division Director was provided noting successful completion of the one year probation period.

Administration

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

ADOPTION OF CHANGES TO TODD COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners has recognized a need for strong, up to date personnel policy, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners and policies subcommittee have had an opportunity to review the

policy revisions put forth in Article VII, Section 7.02 of the Personnel Policy and find the implementation to be in the best interest of the sound administration of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached changes to the Todd County Personnel Policy and directs the County Coordinator to begin administration of said policy as of July 21, 2020 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is understood that this Resolution replaces and supersedes all prior County Board actions, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof.

Discussion was held regarding the CARES Act funds and potential uses within county organization and countywide.

Closed Session

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to MN Statute §13D.03 at 10:44 a.m.

Chairperson Kircher reopened the meeting at 11:01 a.m. A discussion of Negotiation Strategy was held during the closed session.

Adjourn

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of July, 2020.

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name, \$ Amount. Includes entries for BIG STONE THERAPIES, INC., BROWERVILLE TRUCK WASH/BIG BOYZ, and CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC.

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name, \$ Amount. Includes entries for DHS - SWIFT, ITEN FUNERAL HOME - BROWERVILLE, V#15726 - COST EFF, HEALTH INS, ROY-HETLAND FUNERAL HOME - OSAKIS, 127 PAYMENTS LESS, and THAN \$2,000.

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On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held July 21, 2020 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on August 4, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal:

David Kircher, County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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Table with 4 columns: Precinct Name, Precinct Name, Precinct Name, Precinct Name. Lists various townships and their corresponding ballot procedures.

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Prompt return of voted ballots is encouraged so that any omitted requirements can be corrected in advance of election day. Ballots are processed when received, and voters will be notified if there is a problem. Voters casting a mail ballot may also track their ballot on-line by visiting the website of the Minnesota Secretary of State at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us.

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General Election: Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday, November 2, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, November 3, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The counting of mail ballots will be completed at the Cass County Courthouse after 8:00 p.m. on election day.

Additional information is available by contacting the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN, phone 218-547-7295.

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS July 21, 2020

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 21st day of July, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kircher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Becker.

Approval of Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2020 as presented.

To approve the resignation of Preston Oetterer, Road Deputy effective 07/01/2020.

To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Long Prairie Lions Club at the address of 24257 Riverside Drive (Long Drive In), Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective August 15, 2020.

To approve a 1-Day Dance License for the T.J.'s on Diamond Point, Inc. for September 5, 2020 at 12867 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township.

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) 400713 through 400740 in the amount of \$55,418.50 and (Regular) 53708 through 53762 in the amount of \$63,883.35 for a total of \$119,301.85.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800817 through 800887 and (Regular) 706872 through 706931 for a total amount of \$69,758.16.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600222 through 600233 and (Regular) 515896 through 515930 for a total amount of \$75,348.40.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM COUNTY DITCH FUND TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND

WHEREAS, The County Ditch Authority has approved to have the hours worked by the County Ditch Inspector charged back to that ditch; and

WHEREAS, the calculations have been made for the County Ditch Inspector's time for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 per attached copy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve the transfer of \$5,670.00 from the Fund 40-County Ditch Fund to the Fund 01-General Revenue Fund per the attached list.

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

RESOLUTION FOR A PUBLIC LAND AUCTION OF TAX-FORFEITED PARCELS IN TODD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Tax-Forfeited Parcels in Todd County have been reap-

praised and classified as provided by M.S. 282.01, and will be offered for sale by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at a public auction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve said land auction to commence at 10:00 a.m. on the 21st day of August, 2020. The Todd County Auditor/Treasurer is hereby directed to publish a notice of the upcoming land auction as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale are as follows:

All property is sold for cash or check only, no payment plans will be offered and full payment is due on the date of sale.

A charge of \$25 will be made for each State Deed issued.

A charge of \$46 will be made to record the State Deed.

State Deed Tax on the amount of purchase will be collected. (0.0033 x purchase price or minimum of \$1.65)

A \$50 fee for well certificate, if applicable, will be collected.

A Tax Forfeiture Administration fee of \$250 will be collected.

A three percent (3%) Assurance Fund charge will be made (as per M. S. 284.28, Subd. 8).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tax-Forfeited Parcels will be offered for sale subject to liens, existing roads, easements and leases, if any, and any special assessments canceled at forfeiture may be reassessed by the municipalities after the sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the right is reserved by Todd County, in the interest of the public, to cancel this sale at any time prior to its sale.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CARES ACT GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL FOR ELECTION-RELATED CARES ACT FUNDING TO THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic requires additional efforts to make the election process safe, sanitary and effective; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State is currently soliciting grant applications from counties for grants pursuant to Laws 2020, Chapter 77, Section 4 and the federal CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, grants will be provided to each county pursuant to a formula set forth in Section H of the grant application provided by the Office of the Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, the funds provided by the Office of the Secretary of State are provided for the purpose of the uses set forth in the federal CARES Act and as further restricted by Laws 2020, Chapter 77, Section 4, subdivision 4; and

WHEREAS, those purposes are primarily for the protection of persons involved with the election process including voters, as well as certain other purchases set forth in law; and

WHEREAS, the county will work with the municipalities within the county to determine a fair, equitable, and mutually agreeable allocation of the funds within the County and between municipalities, and if an agreement cannot be reached, the funds will be distributed pursuant to the OSS identified default allocation formula as determined by the Secretary and provided in Section E of the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the grant application is to be completed by the staff of the auditor and other staff responsible for the administration of elections in this county; and

WHEREAS, the grant

application must be completed, certified by a county official, typically the chief county election official, returned to the Office of the Secretary of State and a grant agreement executed prior to the receipt of the funds to which the county is entitled pursuant to Sections E and F of the grant application; and

WHEREAS, Laws 2020, Chapter 77, Section 4 requires a 20 percent (%) match for the grant, with a 25 percent (%) match for electronic roster purchases; and

WHEREAS, the grant agreement will reflect the grant application for each county; and

WHEREAS, additional assistance may be forthcoming later in this election cycle from state and federal funds, particularly those funds appropriated or these purposes by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, there are continuing needs throughout the election cycle for both COVID-19 and election security efforts and concomitant costs; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the grant application in the form presented to this board and to be submitted to the Office of the Secretary of State is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appropriates the required match amount as indicated in the application for the purposes set forth in the grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chief elections officer of the County and staff are directed to submit this approved grant application at the earliest opportunity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when the grant agreement is provided to the chief elections officer of the county, that person is delegated the authority to execute that agreement and return it to the Office of the Secretary of State without further approval by this Board; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the chief elections officer of the county is hereby authorized to apply for any additional funds made available by the state for the defrayment of costs of efforts to combat COVID-19 in the election process and for the enhancement of election security, and to execute any grant agreements required to access those funds from this date until the general election on November 3, 2020.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, Acknowledge Receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement Petition from Mike Irlbeck to maintain a section of County Ditch 27 on parcels 28-0017500 and 28-0018700 in Wykeham Twp Section 22.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, Acknowledge Receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement Petition from Jeff Seurer to install a private crossing in County Ditch 35 on parcel 01-0034400 in Bartlett Twp Section 34.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, Acknowledge Receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement Petition from Allan Goeden to replace a private crossing in County Ditch 26 on parcel 01-0025501 in Bartlett Twp Section 24.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Granting of the Conditional Use Permit on parcel 16-0015000 for a 199' cellular tower with asso-

ciated ground equipment with no conditions.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Grant the rezoning of parcel 15-0044700 from AF1 to AF2 zoning with the condition of completion of an administrative split that meets the requirements of the ordinance prior to issuance of a land use permit.

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

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL - "D MICHAEL SUBDIVISION"

WHEREAS, Applicant and owner David and Rena Michael applied to subdivide a property that is described as Part of Government Lot 5 of Section 34 in Leslie Township with the plat to be known as "D Michael Subdivision";

WHEREAS, D Michael Subdivision consists of 4 non riparian lots, Block One Lot 1 76,793± square feet, Lot 2 77,348± square feet, Lot 3 77,902± square feet, and Lot 4 265,718± square feet, located in the General Development Shoreland zoning of Osakis Lake in Gordon Township,

WHEREAS, On January 2, 2020 the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

SECT-34 TWP-129 RANG-35, S 53 RDS OF GOV'T LOT 5 & PART OF VACATED RD FROM DEAN'S BEACH PLAT EX PART PLATTED FOR MCDEAN ADD & MCDEANS SECOND ADDITION, 23.31 ACRES

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2020 the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the D Michael Subdivision preliminary plat with conditions:

1. Submittal of a Wetland Delineation completed by a Certified Wetland Delineator.

2. Identification of access to each proposed lot with approval from appropriate road authority.

3. Resubmittal of two sewerable sites for each proposed lot with associated soil boring and percolation tests.

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 "D Michael Subdivision" subdivision be approved as presented.

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

Resolution to Extend the 2016 Todd County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, §103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, Todd County currently has a state approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan that covers the period of January 27, 2016 through January 27, 2021, and

WHEREAS, Todd County is participating in the development of comprehensive watershed management plans through the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) program as outlined by the Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR), and

WHEREAS, BWSR has developed a transition plan outlining the expectations and identifying incentives for local governments to

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NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETING

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary
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Staples Motley School Board

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #1 July 20, 2020 6:00 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Longbella, Lund, Anderson, Frisk and Freeman present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Manager, Regan; Principal Schmidt; Activities Director, Lee; several employees; Staples World Managing Editor Anderson; and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to approve the addition of agenda items #26 and #31. MC

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

Chair Winkels recognized the public and thanked everyone for attending.

School/Community Forum

a. Josh Lee - Why We Play MSHSL Video

Consent Agenda Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MC

Donations and Grants Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Resolution to Accept Grant and In-Kind Donations in the amount of \$4,800.30. MC

Finance Items Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson, to Authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Freeman, to approve the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan as presented. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Anderson, to approve adding John Regan (Business Manager) as an authorized school official to invest funds, make electronic bank transfers and to execute agreements and/or financial documents, and as a signer at official depositories, as necessary on behalf of Staples-Motley School District. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to increase the pay for Adventures Program Lead to align with Paraprofessionals pay (\$16.27). MC

Curriculum / Policy Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson, to approve the 2020-2021 School Meal Price/ Fee Schedule. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Freeman, to approve the 2020-2021 Local Literacy Plan. MC

The 2020-2021 Student Handbooks were available for Board review. The Board will take action on handbooks at the regular August meeting.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to approve the annual review of policies: #410 Family and Medical Leave; #413 Harassment and Violence; #414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect; #415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment; #506 Student Discipline; #514 Bullying Prohibition; #522 Student Sex Non-discrimination; #524 Internet Acceptable Use; #806 Crisis Management MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to approve the listed policies with MSBA minor recommended

revisions: #401 Equal Employment Opportunities, #404 Employment Background Checks, #406 Public and Private Personnel Data, #424 License Status, #427 Workload Limits for Certain SpEd Teachers; #419 Tobacco Free Environment and #421 Gifts to Employees with minor MSBA revisions. MC

Policy #503 Student Attendance with Administration recommended revisions-

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Longbella. Following discussion of the policy changes, administration was asked to make language revisions and bring to the August meeting for approval.

Freeman rescinded the motion, seconded by Longbella.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to take action on Policy #503 at the August meeting. MC

OTHER

Review of the School Occupant Loads for COVID-19 Restrictions

Information only - no action needed.

Reports:

School Board/ FED / Sourcewell / Principals Superintendent Tappe informed the Board that administration is planning for school reopening and waiting for the Governor to make his decision for the state; a brief update on the elementary HVAC project and is hopeful the project will be completed by the beginning of the school year.

SMEA representative Jill Schneider reported that Salary B of the MC is being reviewed and updated for the next negotiating period.

Other - a Special Meeting will be called August 3 if necessary.

Adjournment

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. MC

Respectfully Submitted
Greg Frisk, Clerk

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

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SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION - Meeting #2 August 3, 2020 6:00 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Longbella, Anderson, Freeman, Frisk and Lund present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Johnson and Schmidt; Curriculum Coordinator, Ferdon and Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Continuous Improvement Plan

Tappe and Ferdon led the group in the CIP Action Planning. Action steps and evidence were reviewed for the core values: Fiscal Responsibility, Climate and Culture, Student Experience and Operations.

Adjournment

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. MC

36pnc

In support of our local law enforcement

We appreciate the tireless efforts of local law enforcement. Every day they protect the vulnerable, help those in trouble and engage with the community. Law enforcement collaborates with community groups, local businesses and institutions. Their only goals are the safety and well-being of the community.

This year's National Night Out was to be held August 4. Because of COVID-19, no community celebration could be held, so in honor of this event, we would like to thank local law enforcement for continuing to hold our communities together during the pandemic.



Staples Police Department

- Chief Melissa Birkholtz
- Sergeant Ron Case
- Investigator Jamie Pearson
- Officer Ryan Walwick
- Officer Chris Goff
- Officer Jeremy Pape
- Officer Bren Davis
- Part time Officer Blake Petrich
- Part time Officer Andrew Krey
- Part time Officer Landyn Saewert
- Part time Officer Josiah Fuhrman

National Night Out will return

We are all looking forward to the future when we can again gather as a community for picnics in the park. Until then, help local law enforcement by staying safe and reporting what is going on in the community. (Photo from 2019 National Night Out)

Motley Police

- Chief Jason Borash
- Officer Josh Pesta

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Todd County Sheriff's Office

- Sheriff Steve Och
- Chief Deputy Lonnie Marcyes
- Investigator Scott Dirkes
- Investigator Corey Heid
- Investigator Travis Winter
- Sergeant John DeCock
- Sergeant Mike Allen
- Deputy Jon Barber

- Deputy Brittney Hendricks
- Deputy Sam Larson
- Deputy Jacob Weishair
- Deputy Dave Laven
- Deputy Josh Winter
- Deputy Tyler Thiel
- Deputy Josh Nice
- Deputy Bryan Lashinski
- Deputy Jacob Fasching
- Court Security Deputy

- Josh Anderson
- Part Time Deputy Josiah Fuhrman
- Part Time Deputy Cole Yungbauer
- Part Time Deputy Erin Guenther
- Part Time Deputy Kyle Drum



Williams charges continue with grand jury decision

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

A grand jury has indicted Staples resident Bryce Williams and three other men for helping burn the Minneapolis Police 3rd Precinct on May 28, during protests and riots that were sparked by the killing of George Floyd by police officers. Williams had already been charged with conspiracy to commit arson, the grand jury decision is the next step in bringing the case to trial.

The indictment states that Williams was among a group of people who breached a fence set up around the precinct building as protesters chanted "burn it down." Williams was named as a suspect

after social media posts matched his clothing with the footage from a security camera. Security footage shows Williams holding an incendiary device while another person tries to light it. Williams then handed the device to the other person, who went into the building to start the fire.

Upon the grand jury decision Aug. 25, the Minneapolis FBI released a statement: "Today's indictment charging four individuals with conspiracy to commit arson serves as a warning to those who commit crimes high-jacking peaceful protests protected by the First Amendment. By working together to ferret out these criminal elements, law enforcement partners are

making it safer for citizens to exercise their legitimate First Amendment rights in Minneapolis and across the country. The FBI is committed to identifying violent actors and ensuring they face the consequences of their actions."

The incident received national and worldwide attention, including a tweet from President Donald Trump: "These THUGS are dishonoring the memory of George Floyd, and I won't let that happen. Just spoke to Governor Tim Walz and told him that the Military is with him all the way. Any difficulty and we will assume control but, when the looting starts, the shooting starts."

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Compton, Thomastown church services held in Swedish language

Wadena at a young age and fell in love with the instrument. She had a quick ear and could often play a song simply by listening to it. The first song she played at a recital, Ardis shared, was "The Waltz of the Peacock." She was in the third grade.

Ardis enjoyed lessons, but after realizing she could play by ear, didn't learn to read music as well as she wished she had. However, she knows enough to be able to play songs from the hymnal and she has a natural gift of transposing keys on the spot.

For the Nygren family, music continued on long after the pastor said the closing 'Amen' each Sunday. Ardis recalled that relatives would get together after church, sharing a meal, followed by an afternoon of music-making headed up by her Uncle Rudolph. Uncle Paul, on the other hand, usually wanted to get a ball game going.

Those were the days, Ardis said of the living room jam sessions. Some of the relatives played violin, others guitar. Her sister Eleanor was usually at the piano and all three of the Nygren sisters would sing in harmony.

She is richer for having had music in her life all those years, Ardis says. Richer too, for having been brought up in the Christian faith.

Her grandpa on her dad's side, C.J. (Carl) Nygren, was a pastor in the Covenant church denomination; and her maternal grandfather, Grandpa Noreen, helped start what would become the Compton Covenant Church. Her dad was also drawn to the ministry and in addition to farming, served as a Gideon.

Ardis remembers coming to faith as a teen while attending camp at Lake Koronis in Paynesville, under the leadership of Pastor Phillip Johnson.

The Compton Church and the Thomastown Covenant Church shared a pastor in those days, because both congregations were too small to support one on their own. The youth groups also joined up to do things, which is where Ardis eventually met Donnie, whose family attended Thomastown.

Early on, both churches held services in the Swedish language, as there were many Swedish immigrants in the area, including Ardis's ancestors.

By the time she came along, English was the main language spoken at church, but Ardis remembers hearing her folks speak to each other in their native tongue at home on occasion. Usually when they wanted to talk about something they didn't want the girls to hear. She picked up a few phrases along the way, but Ardis says she regrets not learning to speak Swedish fluently.

English was the only language spoken at school as well. Ardis attended country school (District 94) for eight years in Compton Township, Ottertail County, and then went on to attend Wadena High School, graduating in 1953.

It was when she was just 18 that Ardis would have her first date with her future husband...although it almost didn't happen.

It's kind of a funny story, Ardis says with a laugh, going on to share that after church youth group one night, a boy named Phillip asked to take her out to

the Senior Class Play in Wadena, "Don't Take My Penny."

Ardis agreed to the date, but shortly after, 21-year-old Donnie Schimpp leaned out of his car and motioned her over. Would Ardis want to go to the play with him?

She immediately said, "Yes" to the handsome young man, but then felt terrible about Phillip. What to do?

Well, she ended up convincing her younger sister Ina to attend the play with Phillip, so she could keep her date with Donnie. What are sisters for, right?

Ardis dated Donnie for four years before they eventually tied the knot. During that time, Donnie was in the service, and spent time in Germany and France during the Korean War. He would have liked to have gotten married earlier, but Ardis insisted on going to college first, a decision she is glad she stuck to. She attended college in St. Cloud, earning her teaching degree. "I taught school for one year at Deer Creek Elementary before getting married," Ardis said.

She still has the letters Donnie sent to her while their relationship was long-distance. She also has the set of silverware he sent to her from Germany one Christmas. It was called, "First Love." Donnie always told her that she was his "first and last love."

In 1956, the two married at the Alliance Church in Wadena, as their home churches were so small. The newlyweds initially lived in Hibbing, where Donnie was doing construction work for E.W. Coons. Early on, Ardis worked at Herberger's, until their oldest daughter, Annette was born.



With the next generation of worshipers

Ardis Schimpp finds great joy in attending Thomastown Covenant Church with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is pictured on Aug. 27 in the playground area of the rural Staples church with her great-grandchildren, from left, Will, two; Charlotte, four;

and Micah, 10 months. They are the children of her grandson Ryan Wright and his wife Liz; and grandchildren of her daughter Annette (Schimpp) Wright and her husband Rex. She's been blessed with a total of 10 grandkids and eight great-grandkids. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Two years later, the young family moved back to rural Staples, purchasing their 440-acre farm that Ardis still calls "home" today. They sold off some of the land along the way when money was tight, including some river property that was sold for "next to nothing," Ardis said, shaking her head.

Donnie and Ardis's middle daughter Debbie was born in 1960, followed by the birth of their son, Doug, in 1966.

Ardis remembers when she was younger saying that she would never marry a farmer...it was too hard of work. But, that's what she ended up doing, and she wouldn't trade that life for the world.

Sure, it was tough at times. In addition to raising three kids, Ardis helped with the farm chores. She was up at 5:30 a.m. to milk cows in the morning, then back to the house to make breakfast and get the kids ready for school. The cows would need to be milked in the evening, too.

Like most people, they had their share of hardships, but Ardis said that their love for each other and their faith always sustained them. She doesn't know how she would have made it through some of the really tough times, Ardis says, without that faith.

She recites the first verse lyrics of her favorite hymn, "Day by Day."

"Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here.

Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.

He whose heart is kind beyond all measure, gives unto each day what He deems best.

Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure. Mingling toil with peace and rest."

It's a strength she's relied on more than once when hardship came



Favorite hymn

Number 370 in the Praise Hymnal, "Day by Day" is one of her favorites, Ardis Schimpp said of the many hymns she's played and sung over the years. It's lyrics have brought comfort and peace during some difficult situations. Ardis is pictured with her granddaughter, Sam Schimpp, who grew up down the road from her and is now a college student in Duluth. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

knocking at their family's door. She recalled the year they lost a lot of cattle due to Brucellosis, commonly known as Bang's Disease. Subsequently, Donnie contracted Undulant Fever and was gravely ill for weeks.

Then there was the time her sister Ina got lost while hiking in the Colorado mountains. It was a day and a half before a rescue dog found her. Many prayers were said during that time.

And she would need the Lord's strength once again that late night Deputy Bob Swenson and Pastor Mark Kelly came to their door with the news their daughter Debbie had been killed in a car wreck, leaving behind three young children. She'd been hit head-on by a drunk driver.

In 2007, Ardis would say "goodbye" to the love of her life, Donnie, as he suc-

cumbed to his battle with leukemia.

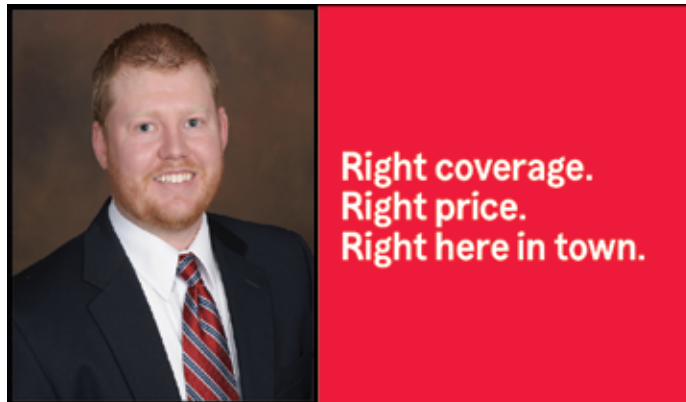
In each of these situations, Ardis said, the words of that hymn spoke to her, offering reassurance. It's one she never grows tired of playing.

Ardis is thankful for the rich tapestry of her life, and that she is able to share it with her own children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. As they weave their own tapestries, she hopes they will find threads of love, faith and strength to help them through the mountains and valleys of life. Day by day.



The circle won't be broken

This family photo hangs above the piano at the rural Staples home of Ardis Schimpp. Pictured, front row from left, are son Doug, Ardis and her husband of 50-plus years, Donnie. In back, from left, are daughters Debbie and Annette. Since this photo was taken in the late 1970s, two of the family members have passed on. Debbie was tragically killed in 1999 and Donnie died of leukemia in 2007. Ardis believes they will all be united again in heaven someday, where the circle will never be broken.



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