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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 26	50	35	M. Sunny
Oct. 27	54	39	Cloudy
Oct. 28	60	38	M. Sunny
Oct. 29	62	39	M. Cloudy
Oct. 30	60	35	M. Sunny
Oct. 31	61	41	M. Sunny
Nov. 1	61	43	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2021

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 26	53°	35	M. Sunny
Oct. 27	50	47	Cloudy
Oct. 28	48	44	Rain
Oct. 29	51	38	Sunny
Oct. 30	53	37	P. Sunny
Oct. 31	41	31	P. Sunny
Nov. 1	35	30	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 50° Low = 33°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Hall of Fame induction event on Oct. 29

The Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame will induct their newest class into the hall with a ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 29, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. A reception will be held at Timbers Event Center following the ceremony.

Athletes are Jeff Brever, Mark Carlson, Mark Redemske, Chad Walthall,

Mark Lelwica and Al Haugen. Two state champion teams will be inducted, the 1983 Staples baseball team and the 1990 Staples Motley golf team. Two coaches are Rollie Penfield, golf coach, and Gene Mattila, cross country and football coach. Community contributor Rita Stone is the at-large inductee.

Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame

The Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame has inducted three groups into the hall. The full Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame:

- Athletes**
- Bob Peterson, 1956, baseball, track, football, basketball
 - Warren Mertens, 1973, basketball, baseball
 - Del Cerney, 1988, swimming
 - Arden Beachy, 1989, football, basketball, track
 - Jerry Cleveland, 1967, wrestling
 - Randy Frisk, 1973, football, basketball, track
 - Tony Spandl, 1979, football, wrestling, track
 - Dave Joergers, 1992, tennis, basketball
 - Jeff Brever, 2001, cross-country, basketball, track
 - Mark Carlson (1999) wrestling, football, basketball, track
 - Mark Redemske (1978) football, basketball, baseball
 - Chad Walthall (1987) football, basketball, baseball
 - Mark Lelwica (1989) swim-

- ming
- Al Haugen (1957) football, basketball, baseball, track and field
- Coaches**
- Bill Finn, athletic director and coach
 - Jerry Riewer, cross country and baseball
 - Don Dravis, wrestling
 - John Rengel, athletic director, coach
 - Ron Beachy, track, basketball
 - Tom Wolowe, basketball, tennis
 - Mel Nefstead, swimming
 - Rollie Penfield, golf, football, basketball
 - Gene Mattila, cross country, football
- Teams**
- 1985 Staples girls basketball
 - 1988 Staples Motley football
 - 1982, 1983 Staples boys cross country
 - 1982 Staples wrestling
 - 1990 Staples Motley boys golf
 - 1983 Staples baseball

Fight fire with students Students took turns practicing aiming the fire hose at a simulated house fire during Fire Prevention Week tours at the Staples Fire Hall held Oct. 14. This year's theme was "Fire Won't Wait; Plan your Escape." Staples firefighters Brandon Brusewitz and Ryan Ismil helped students from all elementary classes. (Photo by Janice Winter)

School board candidates discuss issues at forum

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At the Oct. 19 candidate forum sponsored by LEAP, Staples-Motley School Board candidates discussed district issues including the school's mission, academics and the school's position in the community. Erich Heppner, Ryan Wright, Chandler Trout and Bruce Drone were the four candidates present at the forum. Candidates Shelly

DeCamp and Kyle Reese did not attend. Among the many questions asked, a few answers stood out for each candidate. Trout stressed the need for measuring success. When asked about the school's strategic plan, he said it is a great plan but asked "How do we know if we are achieving that?" Trout said the plan is structure important, that is where the work is going to happen.

Trout said "life after graduation is the measure of success," and pointed to the many diverse learning options at the school that different students can access. Drone said he feels the school is putting extracurricular activities over the school's academics. He said students should have a C-minus grade point average or better to participate

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City council candidates talk about revitalization

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At the Oct. 19 candidate forum sponsored by LEAP, Staples City Council and Mayor candidates discussed downtown revitalization, a healthy community and a perceived divide between the south side and north side of the city. Council candidates Benjamin Johnson, Roy Miles and Lisa Toepper were joined by mayor candidate Ron Murray. Council candidates Sean Bhogadia, Blake Gerard, Mary Jo Goff and mayor candidate Doug Case did not

attend. All of the candidates were in favor of the one-half percent sales tax to help the Staples Community Center. Miles said "tried to get revenue over and over, this is the best way." Murray said he would like to see the city grow in a healthy way. He suggested more social opportunities and entertainment businesses would be valuable to the community. He pointed to the Batcher Building proposals as a potential to be a "huge success" for the city. Toepper said she would like to see some of the rundown homes in the community be fixed up, and

suggested the city could offer incentives for homeowners to remodel or rebuild. When asked about using community knowledge to help the city, Toepper said different people involved, such as firefighters and mail carriers, "all have different types of knowledge." Johnson said the city should work with local businesses to improve the downtown. He pointed to Brainerd reversing their downtown area into a nice, walkable place. Johnson said the city could help find grants for

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Dennis Peterson
Violet Skolte



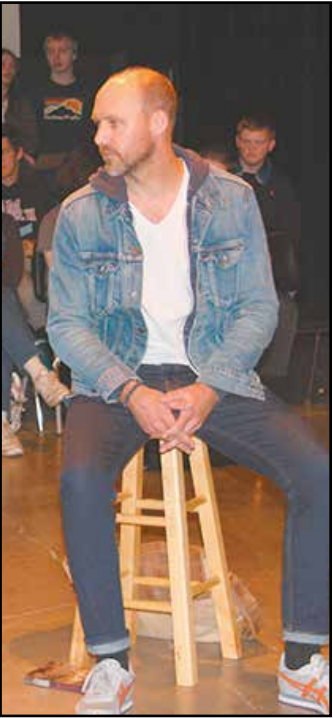
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Discussing the list of life's 'brilliant things'

Actor Matthew R. Olsen and director Sarah Brown, both of Omaha, Nebraska, answered questions following a student performance of "Every Brilliant Thing" Oct. 19, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. The show dealt with themes of depression and suicide, with a message showing the importance of talking about your struggles with someone who cares, and to remind yourself of those things in the world that are worth living for. Olsen shared that the play was important to him for several reasons, one of which being his own struggle with anxiety and depression in the past and steps he took to seek help. Reflecting on the play in a social media post, Olsen shared that "the playwright has done a wonderful job

of weaving humor, love and laughter into these often hard conversations. It isn't about blame. It doesn't present the right answers. It does remind us that we are not alone. It does present a list of brilliant things about living. And, I hope, it encourages you to remember a few brilliant things about your own life and your own story." Olsen encouraged students to add to the list of 'brilliant things' kept in the box on stage. Some of the answers verbalized included 'marshmallows' 'having a pet to hold after a stressful day' and 'my family.' In top right photo, Olsen's character listens as his girlfriend (played by Brown) adds a few brilliant things of her own to his list, which she discovered in a book he had lent her, but had forgotten about. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





Enjoying the festival food

Motley's Fall Festival Oct. 15 was a great place to meet up with friends and share a bite to eat. Pictured above, from left, are John and Sharon Strack of Cush-

ing; and Buddy and Jodie Robinson of Princeton. There were a variety of food and beverage vendors at the festival. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Artist at work

Peyton Brown of Pil-lager enjoyed painting a pumpkin at the Fall Festival in Motley Oct. 15. The enclosed building was home to other activities and treats, as well as offering a reprieve from the cold weather.



Generational gathering

Don Delude (far right), a volunteer committee member of the Fall Festival in Motley, enjoyed meeting up with family at the festival Oct. 15. Pictured in back, from left, are Delude's great-grandson Oliver Melchert of Maple Lake, and his daughter, Denise Anderson (Oliver's grandma) of Maple Lake. In front are Delude's granddaughter Megan Anderson and her children Benjamin (left) and Eloise, all of Montrose.



Festive fall display along Highway 64

Fall colors were in abundance along Highway 64 Oct. 6, including at the Swecker farm near Leader, which had a variety of pumpkins on display, as well as a beautiful

barn quilt adorning the bright red barn in the background. Colorful leaves and a blue sky contributed to the lovely autumn scene. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Scarecrow and pal

Steve Mumm (aka 'the scarecrow') and Logan Serich, both of Staples, enjoyed the festivities at the Fall Festival in Motley Oct. 15. Mumm was one of several volunteers who helped facilitate children's activities and handed out candy.

Cass County mail ballot precinct voter's options

What are options for mail ballot precinct voters on Election Day?

Mail ballot voters who choose to vote or cast their ballot at the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office may:

- Return their voted mail ballot to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office
- Have an agent return their voted mail ballot to that polling place (limit of three others' ballots can be

returned as an agent).

- Take their unvoted ballot packet to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, vote it and place it in a ballot box.
- Go to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office and inform them that your mail ballot was spoiled, lost, thrown away, etc. and:
- Have a replacement ballot issued and vote the replacement ballot, then place the ballot into a

ballot box. (NOT A DS200 BALLOT TABULATOR)

- Vote an absentee ballot because they are currently not an "active" registered voter on or before Election Day

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Speaker Brian Andrews

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• Oct. 23, 1947 - When enroute home from Browerville Sunday evening about 7:30 o'clock, where Mrs. Sadie Mertens had been visiting relatives, a 260-pound buck tried to jump across her car but was unsuccessful in his attempt to clear it. The buck crashed on the top of the engine, smashing in the hood, damaging the headlights, bending the fenders, and forcing the radiator back into the engine, completely wrecking it. The deer was killed instantly.

Riding with Mrs. Mer-

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tens at the time were her daughter, Bernadine, and Miss Donna Markfelder. None of the occupants was injured. The accident happened about six miles south of Staples on the Staples-Browerville road, near the Sams farm.

• Oct. 23, 1947 - In a car smash-up involving two cars Monday evening about 8:30, Gilbert Richmond of Motley sustained a fractured left shoulder as the car in which he was riding crashed into a car reported to have been driven by the deputy sheriff of Wadena county.

Mr. Richmond is still in the Staples Municipal hospital, where he was brought following the accident. Both cars were badly damaged, one being a '37 Ford coupe and the other a late model Nash.

• Oct. 23, 1947 - Two young men who were chosen from the Staples Chapter of the Future Farmers of America and who were given free trips to Kansas City, Mo., to attend the National F.F.A. convention were Lyle Kaler and Kenneth Edin.

Both young men are members of the senior class of Staples high school and have been active in the F.F.A. work for several years. Lyle is president of the Staples chapter and Kenneth is the treasurer.

• Oct. 23, 1947 - It was a beautiful day in Staples last

Thursday morning, and there was a lot of excitement, especially so when the sound of the motor of the huge helicopter from the Minneapolis Star and Tribune made its first official visit to Staples to take up the outstanding salesmen of the local agency, which is headed by Francis Christianson.

More than 100 people were at the Staples Municipal Airport long before the huge "windmill" made its appearance, and every eye was glued to the horizon, anxiously awaiting the first sign of the machine which was new to the people of the city, with but a few exceptions. It was the privilege of Glenn Sansburn, news writer for the Staples World, to take the first ride.

50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• Oct. 26, 1972 - Minnesota's Princess Kay of the Milky Way, Madge Stapleton of Caledonia, will be visiting in Staples, the Agriculture Committee of the Staples Chamber of Commerce announced this week.

Miss Stapleton's appearance in Staples will be in conjunction with the holding of the annual Farmers Night on the Town, slated for Friday, Nov. 10.

The 18-year-old brown-eyed beauty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sean Stapleton of Caledonia. They reside on a 2,000 acre farm with 800 head of livestock and a milking herd of 450 Holsteins.

• Oct. 26, 1972 - Merle Morrison, Commander of the Robert W. Hand Post 1910 Veterans of Foreign Wars, offered congratulations and presents awards to Mary Prust and Michael Hassler, winners of the V.F.W. Essay writing Contest for the Veterans Day Services.

Miss Prust, an eighth grader and Mr. Hassler, a sophomore, were the top two placings among the students of the Staples school. The theme of their essay was "Our Flag."

• Oct. 26, 1972 - The Cardinal Cross-Country team, coached by Jerry Riewer, captured the championship of the Sebekia Invitational Cross-County Meet last week. Members of



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Oct. 11, 1979 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

the winning team are Joe Lauer, Mike Mertens, Rick Pohl, Bruce Crocker, Kevin Crocker, Dave Jay, John Sanda, Lynn Dyer, Mark Evans and Tim Dumpprope.

• Oct. 26, 1972 - Two big goals faced Coach Finn's Motley Rocket team Wednesday afternoon as they lined up against Nevis in the second-to-the-last football game of the season: winning the Longbow Conference Championship and staying on top of nine-man football in the state of Minnesota. A resounding 42-6 Rocket victory cinched the first of these, the second will have to wait for the ratings.

• Oct. 26, 1972 - The Cardinales, the Staples Girls Basketball team, will carry a record of 6 wins and 5 losses into the upcoming District 24 Girls Basketball Tourney which will get underway Monday, Oct. 30.

Wearing the Cardinal and White colors of SHS in the tourney will be Linda Hurd, Kathy Hollister, Barb Becker, Joan Greenwood, Sandy Gode, Jeanne Hesse, coach; Sharon Greenwood, Joan Stone, Deb Backberg, Jan Peterson, Sue Oldenberg, Kathy Lund; and coaches Mrs. Kay Pettit and Mary Klug.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• Oct. 23, 1997 - Linda Westrom, Field Representative in U.S. Senator Rod Grams' Minnesota office, presented a certificate of appreciation to the Staples Police Department in recognition of its community crime prevention efforts Tuesday, Oct. 21.

• Oct. 23, 1997 - Derek Matila crossed the finish line of the North Sub Section 6A race last week in first place, well ahead of the second place runner from Wadena-Deer Creek. The Cards continued their domination of cross county meets this fall, winning seven of the first ten spots.

• Oct. 23, 1997 - Jack and Jenelle Shriver, presidents of the Staples Host Lions and Staples '93 Lions Clubs, received plaques last week. The '93 Lions won second place and the Host Lions won third in a District 5M Governor's Contest for all 67 clubs in the district. The contest was for the past year, when the clubs were under the leadership of Bruce Nelsen and Rayma Miller.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

• Oct. 25, 2012 - 'Bud Haskin opens the overpass' was the caption for the front page top picture. The outline states, 'Bud Haskin snips the ribbon to officially open the Staples overpass and north-south corridor. He is standing between U.S. Senator Amy Klobucher and U.S. Representative Collin Peterson. Holding the ribbon at left is Derrel Turner of the Federal Highway Administration and at right is Todd County Commissioner Mark Blessing. Haskin was a long time member of the Staples City Council and lives on the south side of town. He said he felt honored to be the one chosen to cut the ribbon. "Every time you went somewhere, you had to wait for a train either going or coming back," Haskin said. "You could be gone for two weeks and come back and have to wait for a train."

• Oct. 25, 2012 - Lamp-lighter Community Theatre presents the family friendly musical version of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" Oct. 26 - 30, in the Assembly Room at Central Lakes College in Staples. The show is directed by Amy Hunter.

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Board candidates look at student needs

in activities.

Drone also said he is not in favor of more building projects. "We should discontinue taxing the people for buildings," he said. "We need to keep the budget to a minimum and do maintenance on time."

Wright talked about the goal of the district as helping students prepare for the world beyond school. He said industries and colleges "want to see graduates who are good human beings and a benefit to society." Wright said he would like to tell all students "We need you to be a part of our society. You have a purpose, you have a future and our district will

help you get there."

Heppner said Staples-Motley schools have been known as "the premier educator of our area," and he feels the school district is still at that level. "We have a successful story to tell, we need to do that," said Heppner. "Other schools are simply telling their story better."

Heppner said extracurricular activities are important because "there's a lot to be learned in and outside the classroom," he said. He said the many Staples-Motley state champions are a good example of how activities are a valuable part of the school.

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Council candidates cite building needs

the owners of the Staples Movie Theater and Batcher Building, to improve the two biggest empty buildings in the downtown.

Miles said he didn't want the city to get too involved in the Batcher Building or movie theater. "I think it should be an outside entity," he said.

Some of the candidates differed when asked about the differences between the south side and north side of Staples.

Murray said the city has done a lot to help remove blighted properties on the south side and there is an upcoming loan application to help fix up homes on the

south side. Toepper pointed out that most children in Staples go trick-or-treating on the north side, and thought that improving homes on the south side would make it more welcoming.

Johnson said the south side has improved over the last 10 to 15 years, and the city should continue the progression of revitalization.

Miles said "I never liked the idea of north and south side. I don't think the south side is low class, it is just as important as north side. We should try to erase that, this is Staples, forget the tracks."

Structure fire in Wing River Township

On Saturday, Oct. 22, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding a structure fire in Section 25 of Wing River Township.

Upon arrival, emergency personnel learned that the structure on fire was an outbuilding. The Verndale and Wadena Fire Departments

were able to put the fire out before it spread to the home. Unfortunately, the outbuilding and contents inside were a total loss. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time. This case is pending investigation. Also assisting on scene was Tri-County Ambulance.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Oct. 12, 1972 edition of the Staples World featured Staples High School (SHS) football cheerleaders, from left, Sharon Greenwood, Lynnelle Reese, Deb Stoerzinger, Susette Jay and Mary DesMarais.

Lynnelle (Reese) Hanson, Pat

Soule and Sheryl Chenoweth, all of Staples, correctly identified the girls. Sheryl shared that Deb Stoerzinger is her sister. James Nichols, a 1972 SHS grad now of Baxter, correctly identified all. Roger Braith, a 1973 SHS grad, recognized all except Susette Jay. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept.

Oct. 12, Staples Police assisted social services at Lakewood Health System (LHS) emergency room with an unruly family member of a patient.

Oct. 12, The new owner of Sunset Motel is requesting extra patrol until the building is torn down. People trespassing beyond the fenced area.

Oct. 12, Staples Police assisted the LHS emergency room with an unruly individual.

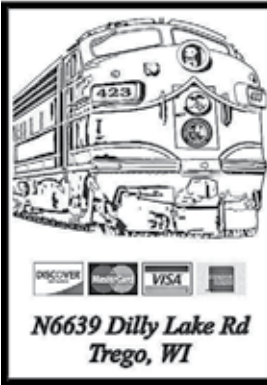
Oct. 13, Staples Police responded to a report of a burglary on the 1400 block of 8th St. NE. Officers documented the scene.

Oct. 13, Staples Police assisted the LHS emergency room in patrolling the area due to threats.

Oct. 13, Staples Police assisted an individual who hit a bear with their vehicle. The DNR issued a permit.

Oct. 15, Staples Police were dispatched to the 900 block of Michigan Ave. NE for a domestic dispute. Jessie Cowell, 36, was arrested for domestic assault.

Oct. 16, Staples Police did a traffic stop near Dower Lake after it appeared that the driver had dumped a pallet in the ditch at the intersection of 245th Ave and Thunder Rd. After speaking with the driver, it was determined he was not littering but had pulled over to pick up debris and was unable to transport it, due to the lack of space in his vehicle. So he left it where he found it.



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Contact the County Auditor's Office at 320-732-4469 or elections@co.todd.mn.us with any questions.





DEADLINES

Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

Why were city council candidates missing?

By Al Kolling

After reading the “City council candidates answer questions” article in the Staples World, I attended the candidate forum at Sourcewell, organized by LEAP, on Oct. 19. I was looking for answers to several questions that I had regarding some of the responses from several of the candidates.

Lo and behold, there were only three city council candidates and one mayoral candidate at the candidate forum. The city council candidates present were Benjamin Johnson, Roy Miles and Lisa Toepper, while the only mayoral candidate present was Ron Murray. The city council candidates not present were Blake Gerard, Mary Jo Goff and Sean Bhogadia. (Sean didn’t respond to the questions from the Staples World, either.) Mayoral candidate Doug Case also was not present.

Several of the city council candidates indicated a need for better communication and/or more open communication between the residents and city government and transparency.

As I drive through Staples, I notice quite a few signs in people’s yards promoting Case for mayor, Gerard and Goff for city council. Many times they are grouped together. I suppose yard signs are one form of communicating. But I think a candidate forum is a better way to communicate to the voters a candidate’s intentions if elected to public office.

In the newspaper responses, one of the city council candidates stated “First, I believe our city would benefit from a more open communication between our residents and our city government officials. Opening this line of communication will lead to

transparency regarding city happenings, an increased level of trust surrounding the city’s government and overall a more positive growth.” Yet this same candidate was not present at the candidate forum, to communicate with the residents of Staples.

This candidate also stated, “I have chosen to run for the position of city council with the goal of mending the bridge that exists between the city government and its residents.”

I have been a resident of Staples for 38 years, I was a business owner for 24 years, I have served on several Staples city committees, I have served on several Staples-Motley School District committees. I have never heard of a “bridge” between the city government and its residents, let alone a bridge that was broken and needed mending.

Another city council candidate stated, “Some goals that I have while I run for council may include ... promote understanding of city government through education and public participation.” The same candidate stated “Complacency is a word that comes to mind when thinking about some of the current and past situations within our city officials.” This candidate also was not present at the candidate forum, to promote public participation and/or was complacent about not needing to participate in the candidate forum.

The final question I have for one of the city council candidates refers to the statement: “I will help kickstart the reconstruction of our city government.” What does that mean? When I think of reconstruction, tearing down and rebuilding comes to mind. This candidate also states “I would like new individuals

to be brought into city council that may share some of the same mindsets of me...” Are “reconstruction” plans already in process?

Let’s look at some of the accomplishments that have been made possible by the current and recent past city governments: the new City Hall and Library, new Police Station, Highway 10 overpass, new Lakewood Hospital/Clinic, Timberlake Hotel, Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Phase I, II and potentially III of Cardinal Pines, new dental and optometry building, the Pullman Townhomes, orthopedics clinic, the clean-up of blighted properties, etc. Does this sound like a city government that needs to be reconstructed?

Finally, as I read the Staples World article “New auditors find Staples finances in good shape,” there was interesting reading about the Staples City finances. The representative of CarlsonSV (new auditors) said “the city’s fund balance ending should be more than 20 percent of expenditures and they found it to be 44 percent.” CarlsonSV also did an audit of federal money because of the grants involved in building the new wastewater treatment plant. CarlsonSV “found all the federal money was spent and recorded accurately.” They also found that “Staples has very good internal controls on their finances.”

Does this sound like a city government that needs to be reconstructed?

I’m sure that all of the candidates who did not show up for the candidate forum had their own reasons for not attending. But I also think they squandered an excellent opportunity to communicate their thoughts and intentions to the residents of Staples.

Letters to the Editor

Vote for Heppner

I am writing this letter in support of Erich Heppner, who is currently running for Staples-Motley School board. I strongly encourage voters to cast their ballot for him. I have

known Erich for over 16 years as a student, a colleague and a community member. Erich is a dedicated, level-headed servant who has enormous energy. He is passionate about everything he does. I cannot speak highly enough about his exemplary character. He will provide solid, com-

mon-sense direction to the board and the district. He is known for examining all sides of an issue before making decisions. Please vote for Erich Heppner on Tuesday, November 8.

Kimberly Pilgrim
Staples, Minn.

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The Staples Community Center has changed my life for the better by providing healthy activities, especially during the winter months. The proposed new sales tax of one half percent will provide what

is needed to upgrade and maintain this wonderful facility. We are only talking about a 50 cent tax on a \$100 purchase.

The facts are that 76 percent of users of the center are not from within the city limits, so it is not fair for the residents of Staples to support these 76 percent through the payment

of city taxes. This proposed tax would affect out of towners that purchase items in Staples.

We need everyone in Staples to vote “yes” in November to improve and maintain the quality of life here.

John Gorton
Staples, Minn

Paid letter by LEAP and the Vote Yes to Keep Our Community Center committee

Support for my guy

I am writing this letter in support of my husband, Erich Heppner, who is running for the Staples-Motley School Board. Not everyone is lucky enough to say that they married their role model, but I am. Every day Erich amazes me with

his seemingly endless energy to serve his students at CLC and our community. He stays up late working on volunteer projects and always has a passionate opinion to share around the dinner table. I know that he has the dedication and knowledge needed to advance the Cardinal student experience to the next level and serve our commu-

nity well. I encourage you to vote on or before Election Day for my guy, Erich Heppner. The best decision of my life was committing to Erich, and I know Staples and Motley will feel the same way.

Katie Heppner
Proud Wife, Mother, & Minnesotan
Thomastown Township

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Heppner for leadership

Many people will vote for a school board candidate simply because of name recognition, or maybe you know them professionally. Maybe they live in your neighborhood, go to school with your chil-

dren or attend your church. These are all good things.

All the candidates are good people. But what makes a good school board member would be a committed person who has a passion for education, community, and is engaged in leadership.

I have worked with Erich in several different capacities over the years

and I can with certainty say that he is that committed individual with proven leadership qualities.

For these reasons, I believe Erich Heppner would be an excellent choice for the Staples-Motley School Board.

Chris Etzler
Staples, Minn

Paid advertisement

Keep communication open to help prevent bullying in schools

By Kimberly Cook
Violence Prevention Coordinator
Hands of Hope Resource Center

Bullying can be prevented. Parents, school staff, and other caring adults have a role to play in preventing bullying. Some children may be afraid that they’ll be “in trouble” for what happened. Others may feel embarrassment or shame. Adults may notice changes in their child’s behavior and may find it difficult to talk to the child.

Find the opportunity to talk to your child in the car, before or after homework, over dinner or breakfast,

or when doing something together. Ask open ended questions about their day or activities. How was your day? What’s the funniest thing that happened today? What was the worst thing that happened today? Share your experience about being bullied when you were their age. Start with, “Hey, did I tell you about....?” Explain how distressing, awkward, scary, or upset you were.

It may be hard for your child to have this conversation with you. If a child says to you “I’m afraid you’re going to be mad at me, or “Mom, I’m kind of scared to tell you this, but...” stop what you are doing and actively listen to your child. Find out what they want or need from you as the parent or caregiver. Keep the lines of communication open.

If your child was bullied or cyberbullied stay calm. The goal is to hear about their experience, provide support, and to help prevent it from happening again. When determining if you need to talk with the school/teacher about what happened, ask your child if they feel comfortable with you reaching out to the school/teacher to talk to them about the situation. The last thing a parent wants to do is make things worse for their child. Ask your child what will make them feel safe and come up with a safety plan if it happens again. Remind your child that it is not their

fault, as no one deserves to be bullied no matter what was said or done.

Statistics show that bullying prevention programs, like the ones Hands of Hope Resource Center provide, decrease bullying by up to 25 percent.

Through our Violence Prevention Program (VPP) we provide educational presentations in the communities of Todd and Morrison counties. These presentations are not only provided in the schools, but also civic groups, church groups, businesses, and other organizations, and are developed on a variety of topics based on the organization’s need. We cover topics such as domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and general crime including fraud, identity theft, and elder abuse.

For school aged children, there are a variety of presentations including but not limited to: bullying, cyberbullying, sexual harassment, sexting, internet safety, healthy relationships, teen dating violence, and domestic violence in the home.

If you would like more information on our Violence Prevention Program, or on any of the topics listed above, contact the Hands of Hope Resource Center. Our business hours are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or call 320-732-2319 or our 24/7 hotline at 800-682-4547.

Quote of the week

“Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.”
— Benjamin Franklin

Quote of the week

“Politicians are the same all over.
They promise to build a bridge
even where there is no river.”
— Nikita Krushchev, Soviet Union politician

Letter to the Editor

Heppner a strong asset

With a very strong field of school board candidates for the Staples-Motley School Board, I would like to highlight my view and experience with Erich Heppner. I served as a school board member for District 2170 for 18 years. Through those years, I gained a deep understanding of what qualities are important in a new school board member.

When Erich and his wife Katie moved to our area, he was eager to get involved in serving in our local government and in the higher education system. As an elected Thomastown Township Supervisor, Erich is proactive to listen, anticipate and take action to serve the needs of our township. Erich continually looks for ways to volunteer and offer his community minded approach to serving. Erich is very passionate through his active role as a coordinator for Ruby’s Pantry and shares his technology

skills through serving on the Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame committee. On a daily basis, Erich demonstrates his commitment to students through his responsibilities at the Central Lakes College in Staples.

Erich would be a strong and effective voice as a member of the District 2170 School Board representing our district residents and students.

Mike Hajek
Staples, Minn

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Divas and Desserts Concert Oct. 29

The Staples Area Women's Chorus will present their Divas and Desserts' concert Saturday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m., at the Staples Alliance Church. (Submitted photo)

Donations now accepted for library book sale

Donations of gently used books and DVDs are now being accepted for the Friends of Staples Public Library book sale which is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 18 from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Donations are accepted only during regular library hours and cannot be left in the atrium. Library hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 1-8 p.m., Friday from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon

Donated hard cover and paperback books cannot have torn covers or pages, water damage, yellowed or musty pages. In addition

the library cannot accept dictionaries, encyclopedias, church religion books, school text books or VHS or cassette tapes.

The Staples Public Library is located just north of the spotlight on Hwy. 10 in the City Hall building at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. For information call 218-894-1401 or visit griver.org/locations/staples.

Proceeds of the sale support library programming.

'Trunk or Treat' in Motley

Several businesses in Motley are participating in the 'Trunk or Treat' event Monday, Oct. 31, from 4 - 6 p.m.

Look for an orange pumpkin in the window of the 27 participating businesses...starting west on Highway 10 at Freedom Wash, ending at Morey's market south of Motley. In addition, several businesses are setting up 'Trunk or Treat' at the Motley United Methodist Church parking lot during that time.

Others interested in participating can join in at the church. Participants are encouraged to wear costumes and bring candy to hand out.

Mark Your Calendar

October 27

'WALK WITH A Doc' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Oct. 27, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Charley Huhtata, caller. For info., 218-296-1642.

October 28

WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

October 29

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Saturday, Oct. 29, 9 - 10:30 a.m., at Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley.

October 31

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

November 1

RUBY'S PANTRY is held on the first Tuesday of each month at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples beginning at 6 p.m.

OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

November 2

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP offered by Lakewood Health System of Staples, meets the first Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m. - noon, in the Burlington room, located through Door C at Lakewood's Senior Campus (401 Prairie Ave. NE), Staples. For info., 218-894-8851 or 218-894-8067.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rifle Sight-In Day October 30 •Sight-In Targets provided •Assistance avail. if needed Staples Sportmen's Club 27158 McGivern Dr., Staples Info/?s call 218-894-2255, Jon, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Staples Area Women's Chorus begins season

The Staples Area Women's Chorus kicks off their 2022 - 2023 season Saturday, Oct. 29, with their 'Divas and Desserts' event. It will be held at the Staples Alliance Church, at 2 p.m.

Enjoy a variety of music by the women's chorus, as well as delicious cheesecake. Freewill donations will be accepted.

In addition to 'Divas and

Desserts,' the SAWC has several other events planned for this year. These include the Community Christmas Concert Dec. 10; and hosting the multi-generation event "Our Voice, Our Song" on Feb. 25, at the Pillager High School.

The SAWC is directed by Rob Freelove and meets weekly on Monday nights.

Trunk or Treat A Fun, Safe, Trick or Treat Experience Loads of Candy Carnival Games Hot Drinks Fun Costumes Staples Alliance Church 1512 8th St NE 218-894-2891 October 31st 4:00 - 5:30 PM

All are invited! Sacred Heart Church in Staples CHICKEN & Pork Loin DINNER Chicken and Pork Loin, Dressing, Potatoes and Gravy, Squash, Corn, Coleslaw, Buns and Pie Adults \$12 - Ages 6-12 \$6 - 5 & Under Free Cash or Check • Take out Orders call Dan 218-639-8032 - In town delivery is available Sunday, October 30 • 10:30 am - 1:00 pm Bazaar at the school starting at 10:30 am Bazaar includes Bake, Plant, and Produce sales Raffle Prize drawing at 1:00 pm Cash Bingo Games begin at 11:00 am Bingo • Produce • Bake Sale • Plant Sale • Raffle Prize Drawing At Sacred Heart School

Cardinal Calendar SM school events

October

MS DANCE Oct. 28, 3:15 - 5:45, South Gym

November

BAND/ORCHESTRA/CHOIR CONCERT, 7-12 Nov. 3, 7 p.m. VETERANS DAY PROGRAM Nov. 11, Details TBA

FALL MUSICAL 'NEWSIES' Nov. 17 - 20

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

Flu vaccination is strong defense

From Todd County Health and Human Services

Even healthy people need a flu vaccine. Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease which can lead to serious illness, including pneumonia. Even healthy people can get sick enough to miss work or school for a significant amount of time or even be hospitalized.

An annual flu vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. Pregnant women, young children, older people, and people with certain chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes and heart disease are at increased risk of serious flu-related complications, so getting a yearly flu vaccine is especially important for them.

When and Where to get vaccinated?

As long as flu viruses are circulating, vaccination should continue throughout flu season, even in January or later. Flu vaccines are offered in many doctors' offices and clinics, and other locations as well.

Todd County Health and Human Services will have flu and immunization clinics by appointment only on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 18, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information, questions or to make an appointment, call Todd County Health and Human Services at 320-732-4500.

Let us watch your kids... Need a break from the kids? Looking for some down time? We have a safe solution for you! WE'LL DO IT FOR FREE! We have games, snacks, activities. Sat., Nov. 12 2 - 5 p.m. Staples Church of Christ Call to reserve your spot. 218-851-5052

\$25 Staples Host Lions Wreath Sales Pre-Order Ends 11/4 Wreaths will be available for pick-up/delivered the week of Thanksgiving. Check the box that applies to you. Yes, I'd like my wreath delivered. (Delivery only available if prepaid and within 5 miles of town) No, I will pick my wreath up from Williams Floral & Nursery. Mail to: Staples Host Lions, P.O. Box 143, Staples, MN 56479 Name Address Phone Quantity X \$25 Enclosed is cash / check (circle one) for \$ Make checks payable to Staples Host Lions

1 FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK & TRUST INVITES YOU TO THE Treats on the Streets BRING YOUR KIDS TO SEE US ON HALLOWEEN DAY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A TOUR OF THE BANK, A TREAT FROM DAIRY QUEEN, AND A SPECIAL SURPRISE. WE'RE GIVING OUT THREE CANDY BARS WITH GOLDEN TICKETS AROUND THEM. IN THE WORDS OF WILLY WONKA HIMSELF, "IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS YOU COULD NOT IMAGINE THE MARVELOUS SURPRISE THAT AWAITS YOU!" DQ

Hello World

Baby/birth announcements sent by Lakewood Healthy System have been removed from the Staples World online edition per LHS request.

CLC’s Cultural Thursday presents “Tall Tales” Nov. 3

Community members may learn about the sacred cultural forests of the world at Central Lakes College’s next Cultural Thursday event, at noon on Thursday, Nov. 3 in the Chalberg Theatre, CLC Brainerd campus.

Speaking will be Dr. Samantha Jones, who has traveled the world helping communities preserve and manage sacred forests and trees. Hear her stories of ancient sentinels, sacred trees and forests and why we revere them. Dr. Jones will take us to the forests of Tanzania and Bhutan, to Japan and beyond. She’ll also connect that global perspective with the trees we hold as significant here, such as champion trees and old growth forests and why they should be afforded special attention and management.

The event is free and open to the public. Attendance via Zoom is also an option. Register for the Zoom link here: tinyurl.com/jhad9n85.

For information on the Cultural Thursday series, contact Jason Edens at Jason.edens@clcmn.edu.

Obituaries

Violet Skolte

Violet Skolte, 94, passed away peacefully at the Lakewood Care Center, Staples on October 16, 2022. She was a beloved mother, grandmother and friend.

Visitation will be held Friday, October 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples and Sat., Oct. 29 at 10:00 a.m. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Oct. 29 at 11, a.m. followed by lunch at the church.



Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Violet was born to Fred and Lorena Beeman on December 13, 1927 in Mercer, Wisconsin, the youngest of nine children. The family later moved to Austin. She graduated from Austin High School in 1947. Her family traveled a great deal during the war because her father was a carpenter on military bases. She graduated a year after her elementary friends. She married Kenneth Skolte in April 1948. Together they farmed near Rose Creek and later moved to Bertha where they raised their family of 12 children. Violet was also employed off the farm at Todd County Public Health as an aide in Long Prairie, worked at Carter Ringer Coat Factory and later at Benson Optical, both in Staples until her retirement in 1986. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, traveling, knitting, sewing, dogs, riding bike, playing piano and painting. She was an avid Bob Ross fan and painted many, many landscape treasures for her family and friends. Her pride and joy was her children and grandchildren. As a mother she will be remembered for making the best caramel rolls and her ability to feed a crowd with limited pantry stock. In her later years, Violet moved to the Redwood Falls/Belview area, where she was a member of the Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities. She volunteered at the Redwood County Clothing Shelf and worked part

time at Ben Franklin. She enjoyed arts and crafts and dubbed her creations “Stuff and Nonsense.” Violet loved her family and her country. Six of her children, three sons-in-law, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild are serving or have served in the military. She was honored by the Southwest Minnesota State University Veteran’s Club in 2014 for her Meritorious Civilian Support of Veterans. She was active in her retirement, would ride her bike even in the winter months and traveled to Germany to visit family at the age of 89. Her spunky attitude, quick wit and great hugs will be missed by many.

She is survived by 10 children, Jim (Lynette) Skolte of Mora, Elaine (Phill) Martinez of Vacaville, CA, Frank (Joleen) Skolte of Frazee, Keith (Julie) Skolte of Mahtowa, Kathy (Bill) Kokesh of Isanti, Becky (Mark) Lein of Williams, Dan Skolte of Belview, Joe (Linda) Skolte of Lino Lakes, Gail Cannon of Milaca and Cindy (Jim) Zetah of Cushing; 26 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Many, many thanks to the staff at the Manor and Lakewood Care Center for your compassionate care of our mother.

Preceding Violet in death were her parents; brothers and sisters; husband, Ken in 2008; one son, Tim in 2007 and one daughter, Debra in 2021.

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Dennis Peterson

Dennis E. Peterson, 80, of Motley passed away October 14, 2022, at his home.

Services will be held at a later date with inurnment held at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Camp Ripley, Little Falls.

Dennis was born May 23, 1942 to Edward L. and Verna N. (Monson) Peterson in Crosby.

Dennis served in the U.S. Army. He was employed as a plumber for 25 years and a real estate agent for 13 years.

He is survived by his wife, Barba K. Best.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Ronald Peterson



and his first wife, Karen Peterson in 2000.

Arrangements are with the Minnesota Cremation Society.

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Correction

In last week’s Staples World under the obituary listing on the front page, Lillian Smith’s name was inadvertently listed. It should have read Iona Smith.

The World apologizes for the error.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples
Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:00 p.m.
Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Children’s Church (Kids start in main worship service) 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) After school to 5:30 p.m.
Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 7-8 p.m.
First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service
Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE, Staples 218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
Church
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship 9:30 am.
Sabbath School 10:45 a.m.
Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 a.m.
United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Aldrich
Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month
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: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal 5:30 p.m.
Family Night 6:00 p.m.
Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes 320-749-2583
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study 7:30 p.m.
Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July 9 a.m.
July - January 11 a.m.
Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Motley
Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Sunday Worship 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group 6:00-8:00 p.m.
St. John’s Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley 218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.,
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 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.
Hewitt
Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Verndale
Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.m.
Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLCC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children’s Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups 6:30-8 p.m.
Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night 5:30 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
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“Reflections of a Grandparent”

Pastor Scott Jorgenson, Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples

My grandson is now 19 months old. And yes, he is the most charming, the most handsome, the most talented, the brightest, the funniest, the BEST in all the world. Grandparents...parents...great grandparents...aunties...uncles...don't you just love it when they go on and on and on about how GREAT their child, grandchild, great grandchild is and their most AMAZING accomplishments?

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What is ingrained in our humanity that elevates our own progeny above others? What is it within us that brings such exceeding joy in such (admit it now!) mediocrity?

I believe this is one of the attributes of humans that shows how God has elevated us above the rest of the created world. Not that animals don't love their children, but there is a deeper love, a deeper devotion that has been given humanity that has not been given to the animal kingdom...and that is a spiritual connection. There is something spiritual about having a child, grandchild, niece or nephew. God has created us with a spiritual connection to our children. And, God has created us with a spiritual

connection to Him. God has created us in His image (Genesis...it's a good read). And according to Him...after creating us the "good" creation became "very good." This is God bragging about us.

The early church came up with a short synopsis of the Christian faith. We call it the Apostles Creed. Here we see answers to questions about who God is..."I believe in God, the Father..." God is not some unknown entity that has set the world in motion and has stepped back taking it all in. God is our Father.

And as Our Father we are VERY good...in His eyes. Despite all our shortcomings, all our failures, all our wanderings, all our sins, all our mediocrity...in His eyes we are THE BEST. Each one of us is so wonderful that He was willing to do everything and anything to show us His love for us. That's why He sent His son, Jesus, to live among us and to die for us. And to show His power as the Father, raised Jesus from the dead. JUST FOR US. Now that is some serious bragging of God about us.

We are headed toward Christmas soon. Reflect on our Great Parent, God our Father, who gave us His Son because, in His eyes, we are worthy of His love. Let us return that love.

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Undefeated football season

The Staples-Motley 5th and 6th grade red and white youth football teams recently finished their season undefeated at 13-0, with wins over area teams from; Pequot Lakes, Pillager, Crosby-Ironton, Browerville and Aitkin.

Pictured, front, from left, Jayden Rodgers, Ethan Bounds, Brennen Sonnenstahl, Easton Larson, Brayden Moore, Oskar Doll, Blake Mongan, Tayden Weite, Leighton Rychner, Waylen Anderson and JJ Winter; middle, Anthony Mitchell, Liam Jennissen, Eli Bounds, Caleb Kopp, Jacob Reeck, Zach McGruder, Jackson

Odden, Jaxton Critten, Ben Stevens and Evan Richards; back, Isaac Cole, Tristan Moore, Ryder Thompson, Cooper Tappe, John Schotzko, Owen Roline, Ben Rutten, Ray Laney and Will Lange. Missing from photo: Kade Potter.

Coaches for the team are; TJ Rutten, Mike Bounds, Nick Doll, Mark Carlson, Jeremy Reeck, Ross Rychner, Jace Thompson, Steve Jennissen and Tony Schotzko. (Submitted photo)

Below, action photos from the season. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



First deer

Joshua (JJ) Winter of Staples shot a 5 point buck during the youth hunt this past weekend. (Submitted photo)



Youth hunt success

Jack Carlson shot this 8 point buck during the youth hunt this past weekend. (Submitted photo)

State tennis matchups

The Staples-Motley girl's tennis team is participating in the state tournament this week, after this edition of the Staples World was printed.

The Cardinals go into the tournament as the eighth ranked team in the state by the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association. Staples-Motley plays fourth ranked Litchfield in the first

round. All Class A matches are at Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center in Minneapolis.

In other team matchups at state, number two Rochester Lourdes plays third ranked Pine City and top seed Breck plays fifth ranked St. James. The only two unranked teams in the tournament play each other in the first round, Providence Academy and

Luverne.

In the individual tournament, Lauren Rutten is the fourth seed in singles and will face Olivia Moore of Winona Cotter in the first round. The individual play starts Thursday, Oct. 27.

Ronnie Noska is matched up against Ryann Witter of Rochester Lourdes, ranked number two in the state.

Volleyball wins to reach ninth seed in playoffs

The Staples-Motley volleyball team ended the regular season with a 3-2 win at Pelican Rapids on Oct. 17. The Cardinals finished the season with a 16-10 record.

Against Pelican Rapids, the Cardinals won the first set, but fell behind after losing the next two. Staples-Motley then won the next two to clinch the match.

Maggie Claussen reached 1,000 career digs, finishing with 28 for the game. She also contributed four ace

serves, two assists and one back row kill.

Staples-Motley is now the ninth seed in Section 6AA and will start the playoffs at number eight seed Melrose on Thursday, Oct. 27, with game time at 7 p.m. The winner of that game will play at Sauk Centre on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, Pelican Rapids 2; 27-25, 21-25, 15-25, 25-22, 15-9

Maggie Claussen: aces-4,

assists-2, kill-1, digs-28

Emilya Case: assists-2, kills-4, blocks-2

Jayce Kobliska: ace-1, assist-1, digs-9

Steffany Sullivan: digs-2

Ellie Moulton: kills-3, block-1, digs-5

Livi Lorber: aces-3, assists-10, kills-13, blocks-8

Miranda Schotzko: kills-2, blocks-4

Jade Storry: kills-7, digs-10

Annie Schlosser: aces-1, assists-14, kills-8, block-1, digs-2



Long line of runners

Luke Brownell leads in the first 600 meters of the Mid State Conference race.

Cardinals run fast to place high at Mid State

The Staples-Motley cross country teams ran fast times at the Mid State Conference meet at Long Prairie on Oct. 18, with the girls team winning the conference title and the boys finishing second.

Most of the runners on the team ran personal best times, as a result of being in great shape late in the season and a fast course.

In the boys race, Luke Brownell took off fast and was in the lead for the first mile, before getting caught by two runners in the second half of the race to place third. The next three Cardinals came in quickly after Brownell and Dillan Robben was the fifth runner with a season best.

It was also a fast start in the girls race, where Audrey Brownell took off with two ranked runners and settled into second place, where

she continued until the finish. After Robinson and Ashley Robben ran together most of the race before Robinson pulled away late, with Robben and Bella Hines right behind. Naila Mikhaeil ran her fastest time as the fifth runner. The Cardinal girls were without their top runner, Kyanna Burton, who was held out with an injury.

Team results

Mid State Conference Girls results

Staples-Motley 28, Park Rapids 65, Pequot Lakes 80, Detroit Lakes 99, Crosby-Ironton 123, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 136

2. Audrey Brownell 18:41,

4. Aften Robinson 19:28,

5. Ashley Robben 19:53, 7. Bella Hines 20:17, 10. Naila Mikhaeil 20:56, 12. Sophie Schlosser 21:07, 20. Suhaila Mikhaeil 21:43

Junior varsity

1. Leah Greenwaldt 22:56,

5. Addisyn Cichos 23:33

Junior high

1. Aleea Holst 11:47, 3. Brooke Bendson 12:50, 4. Maddie Kist 13:03

Mid State Conference Boys results

Park Rapids 29, Staples-Motley 40, Pequot Lakes 70, Detroit Lakes 104, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 135



Leah Greenwaldt

3. Luke Brownell 16:23, 5. Issiah Tabatt 16:39, 8. Logan Robben 17:04, 9. Grant Johnson 17:13, 15. Dillan Robben 18:03, 19. Odin Trif 18:48, 22. Gage Bjerga 19:07

Junior varsity

5. Gabriel Kroll 19:42, 8. Ivan Lozano 20:25, 9. Blaine Plattner 20:27

Junior High

6. Garrett Bjerga 10:48, 21. Justin Olson 12:08, 22. Jackson Odden 12:29

Cardinals to host Section 6A CC meet

Staples-Motley will host the Section 6A cross country meet on Friday, Oct. 28, at The Vintage Golf Course.

Racing starts at 4 p.m. There are only two races at a section meet, the girls varsity and boys varsity.

In the girls race, Staples-Motley is ranked first in the state, but there are two other ranked teams in the section, Wadena-Deer Creek and Minnewaska.

Only the top two teams advance to state.

In the boys race, Staples-Motley is ranked number eight in the state, with Bertha-Hewitt and Sauk Centre not far behind them.

The top four individual runners who are not on a team going to state will advance to state as an individual.



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Tara Greer/City Clerk
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The sample ballot shows the following sections: City Offices (Mayor and Council Member), City Questions (a question about the sales and use tax), and City Question 1 (a question about the imposition of sales and use tax and issuance of bonds). The ballot includes instructions for voting and a deadline of November 8, 2022.

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No extras will be allowed the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of their failure to study and record their own findings. Submission of a Bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that Bidder has recorded their own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any Bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid. Nor shall it be the responsibility of ICS or its counterparts to ensure you have read all documentation. This is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and its Sub-Contractor(s).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:
A Pre-Bid conference will be held at **2:30 p.m. on October 11, 2022 at Staples-Motley School District ISD #2170 District Office, 905 4th Street NE Staples, MN 56479**. If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference at Staples-Motley Elementary School. No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation as to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.

START DATE:
Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises **no later than May 1, 2023**.

SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:
Owner requires all work to be substantially complete by **October 21, 2023**.
Owner requires all work to be fully complete by **December 21, 2023**.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 31, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$85,700.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Norene M. Carlson, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 6, 2017 as Document Number 504344 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on May 12, 2020 as Document Number A519322 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East 50 feet of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 8 and the West 10 feet of the South 100 feet of the alley in Block 8 all in the Town Plat of the Village (now City) of Browerville, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 120 3RD ST W, BROWERVILLE, MN 56438

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$80,300.83

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 30-0015000

TRANSACTIOAGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 101106900019601723

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been insti-

City Offices

Mayor
City of Staples
Vote for One

☐ Douglas M. Case

☐ Ron Murray

when, Day

Council Member
City of Staples
Vote for Up to Three

☐ Lisa Toepper

☐ Benjamin Johnson

☐ Blake Gerard

☐ Mary Jo Goff

☐ Bhogadia Sean

☐ Roy Miles

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City Questions

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

City Question 1

IMPOSITION OF SALES AND USE TAX AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS

Shall the City of Staples be authorized to (a) impose a sales and use tax of one-half of one percent (0.50%) for approximately 25 years or until approximately \$1.6 Million plus an amount equal to interest and the costs of the issuance of any bonds is raised, and (b) issue its general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1.6 Million, plus the cost of issuing the bonds, to finance any or all of the following: the equipment replacement and renovation of the existing community center?

☐ Yes

☐ No

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A SALES TAX INCREASE.

NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP NOVEMBER MEETING CHANGE

Fawn Lake Township will be holding its regular monthly meeting one week early, on November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Questions call the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
44-45pnc

NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP MEETING

The November 8, 2022 meeting for Becker Township will be at 5:00 p.m. at the town hall due to the general election. Please note the time change.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
43-44pnc

NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edges on the south shore of Lake Shamineau. Starting November 15, 2022 and into the early months of 2023. For inquiries call 763-535-1079.

NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the West shores of Lake Shamineau. Starting November 2022 and early months of 2023. For inquiries call 218-821-1470.

NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP ELECTION BALLOT QUESTIONS

This year, in addition to voting for the two Supervisor positions on your May Township Ballot, you will see the following two Ballot questions:

•Shall Option B, providing for the appointment of the **Clerk** by the Town Board be adopted for the Government of the Town? Yes/No

•Shall Option B, providing for the appointment of the **Treasurer** by the Town Board be adopted for the Government of the Town? Yes/No

A lack of interest by May township residents to seek the Office of Treasurer has prompted these two Ballot Questions. This would allow the Town Board to hire a non-resident of the Township to fill either of these positions. Currently, both Sylvan and Fairview Townships are successfully using these options.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the May Township Clerk or the May township Supervisors.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
44-45pnc

Public notices are a community's window into the government. You look for those notices in your newspaper. From zoning regulations to local budgets, governments have used local newspapers to inform citizens of its actions as an essential part of your right to know.

Keep public notices in newspapers!

NOTICE OF UNITED HOSPITAL DISTRICT
REGULAR ELECTION

Notice is hereby given, that the regular election of the Hospital District will be held November 8, 2022 at which time the polls will be open in the following voting precincts at the following polling places at the following times:

Moran Township	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Becker Township	by mail
Thomastown Township	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Byron Township	by mail
City of Staples	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Staples Community Center)	Motley Township	by mail

That at said Regular Hospital District election the following matters will be voted upon: The election of one member to the Hospital District Board for a term expiring December 31, 2026 representing and from each of the following cities and townships:

Moran Township	Becker Township
Thomastown Township	Byron Township
City of Staples	Motley Township

By the order of the District Board of Directors United Hospital District, Staples, Minnesota.

44-45pnc

Lana Hansen, District Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170
(STAPLES-MOTLEY)
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in conjunction with the State General Election in and for Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

School District Question 1
Renewal of Expiring School District
Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley) has proposed to renew its existing referendum revenue authorization of \$173.06 per pupil which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2023. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years beginning with taxes payable in 2024 and increase each year by the rate of inflation beginning with taxes payable in 2025 unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Yes

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 2170 be approved?

No

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.

Staples-Motley School District, ISD 2170
Analysis of Tax Impact for Potential Referendum Levy

July 29, 2022

Year Taxes are Payable	2023	2024	NET CHANGE
	Expiring Authority	Renewed Authority	
Estimated Adjusted Pupil Units (APU)	1,027.60	1,022.60	-5.00
Revenue per Pupil Unit	-\$173.06	\$173.06	\$0.00
Estimated Change in Referendum Revenue	-\$177,836	\$176,971	-\$865
- Estimated Change in Aid	-\$25,472	\$25,133	-\$339
- Estimated Change in Levy	-\$152,364	\$151,838	-\$526

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Taxes for Referendum Levy Only*		
Residential Homesteads, Apartments, and Commercial- Industrial Property	\$100,000	-\$21	\$21	\$0
	150,000	-31	31	0
	200,000	-41	41	0
	250,000	-52	52	0
	300,000	-62	62	0
	350,000	-72	72	0
	400,000	-83	82	-1
	450,000	-93	93	0
	500,000	-103	103	0
	600,000	-124	124	0
	800,000	-165	165	0
	1,000,000	-207	206	-1

* Amounts are based on school district taxes for the operating referendum levy only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the Minnesota Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Owners of homestead property may qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This may decrease the net effect of the referendum levy for those property owners.

NOTE: Agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage and one acre. Seasonal recreational residential property (i.e., cabins) will pay no taxes for the proposed referendum.

The precincts and polling places and voting hours at those polling places for this special election shall be the same as those for the State General Election.

Any eligible voter residing in the School District may vote at said election at the polling place designated for the precinct in which he or she resides.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Dated: __August 22____, 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ MARY FREEMAN
School District Clerk
Independent School District No. 2170
(Staples-Motley)
State of Minnesota

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170
STAPLES-MOTLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held for Independent School District No. 2170, (Staples-Motley School District), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the eighth (8th) day of November, 2022 for the purpose of electing three (3) school board members for four (4) year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 2170 (STAPLES-MOTLEY)
VOTE FOR UP TO THREE

Shelly DeCamp

Bruce Drone

Erich Heppner

Kyle Reese

Chandler Trout

Ryan Wright

"write-in", if any _____

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7:00 a.m (unless your municipality has published notice stating otherwise) and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. Any unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Mary Freeman
School District Clerk

MINUTES
FRESHWATER
EDUCATION DISTRICT
#6004
BOARD MEETING
8/24/2022
Wadena, MN

Called to Order by Chair Thalmann at 5 p.m.
Board Present: R. Thalmann-Henning; K. Howard-Menahga; B. Lund-Staples-Motley; C. Funk-Sebeka; C. Wolf-Long Prairie-Grey Eagle; B. Tumberg-Wadena - Deer Creek; S. Veronen-Verndale; J. Hillmer-Browerville; R. VanDenheuvel-Bertha-Hewitt. Supt: D. Fjeldheim-Sebeka and L. Westrum-Wadena-Deer Creek. FED: Supt. Weber; SPED Director, L. Murdock; J. Anderson; S. Thiel.

Agenda - MOTIONED BY VanDenhuevel and seconded by Lund to approve the agenda as modified. VOTE- U/C
Presentation - Early Childhood Family Ed provided a staff made video with information of "What is ECFE".
Old Business
MOTION BY Tumberg and seconded by Hillmer to approve the 8/22/22 minutes as presented. VOTE- U/C
MOTION BY Tumberg and seconded by Hillmer to approve the 8/17/22 Supt. Advisory minutes as presented. VOTE- U/C
Business and Finance
MOTION BY Veronen and seconded by Thalmann to approve the June and July 2022 mileage claims as presented. VOTE- U/C
MOTION BY Funk and seconded by Howard to approve the 8/24/2022 Voucher Claims as presented. VOTE- U/C
The following Resolution is hereby MOVED BY Funk and seconded by Wolf: Resolved, the Board of FED #6004 approves the establishment and maintenance of the Green Island School Forest and outdoor classroom comprising approximately 33 acres in the NE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 5, Township 134, Range 35 and supports enrollment of said school forest in the MN DNR School Forest Program for educational purposes.
Freshwater School Forest described as: the NE ¼ SW ¼ excluding the frontage area of highway 71 described as starting at the northwestern corner by the intersection of Highway 71 and Scheer Drive NE, then going 300 feet east along the property line, then going south 45° east to the point of beginning; and excluding an area in the NE of the parcel described as starting at the NE corner of the NE ¼ SW ¼ then going south 400 feet, then west 480 feet, then north 400 feet, then east 480 feet to the point of beginning.
VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows; ABSTENTIONS: None. AYE: Thalmann, Wolf, Howard, Tumberg, Lund, Veronen, Funk, Hillmer and VanDenheuvel. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. WHEREUPON, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.
New Business
MOTION BY Veronen and seconded by Tumberg to approve the agreement between Interquest Detection Canines and FED for the 22/23 SY as presented. VOTE- U/C
MOTION BY Howard and seconded by Hillmer to approve the Sourcewell Program and Services Agrmt. 22/23 SY as presented. VOTE- U/C
MOTION BY VanDenheuvel and seconded by Tumberg to approve the MOU between FED and Ed MN Freshwater Para/RVR Drivers Group to forego the HITA bid process in 2022 to retain at least a 12 percent (%) rate cap from health insurance carrier, Sourcewell. VOTE- U/C
MOTION BY Funk and seconded by Lund to approve the MOU between FED and Ed MN Freshwater Teacher-Itinerant Group to forego the HITA bid process in 2022 to retain at least a 12 percent (%) rate cap from health insurance carrier, Sourcewell. VOTE- U/C
MOTION BY VanDenheuvel and seconded by Tumberg to approve the MOU between FED and Ed MN Freshwater Para/RVR Drivers Group to forego the HITA bid process in 2022 to retain at least a 12 percent (%) rate cap from health insurance carrier, Sourcewell. VOTE- U/C
MOTION BY Thalmann and seconded by Hillmer to approve the transferring of funds as presented. VOTE- U/C
Dept. Reports
SPED: L. Murdock gave an update on the following: Two additional Para's needed for the start of the year; Installation of a breezeway completed at the Academies; New epoxy flooring installed in a reflection room of the Academy.
Bus. Mgr. Report: J. Anderson gave an update of FY22 audit will start in three weeks and looking at a \$100,000 spend down.
Ex. Director Report: E. Weber gave an update on the following: Admin met with Supervising Supts., D. Fjeldheim and L. Westrum on WALC student classroom space issue; Update of AASA Certification will be reimbursed by Sourcewell; Welcoming at the August Supts. Mtg. of the three new Supts. in LPGE, Menahga and Verndale. ABE: fully staffed for the beginning of the 22/23 SY. ALC/TS: Program hours for the 21/22 SY were 100 hours less than the previous year. ALC Outreach Pro-

gram added Pequot Lakes to this past summer programming, with Royalton and Crookston inquiring of this option. Update of new epoxy flooring installed at the mid-level classroom of the WALC as well as new desk and chairs. LPALC will be starting a new middle-level program for the 22/23 SY.
MOTIONED BY Tumberg and seconded by Howard to approve the updated School Nutrition Joint Agreement between SM #2170 and FED SALC for the 22/23 SY as presented. VOTE- U/C.
Carl Perkins : MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel and seconded by Hillmer to approve the Career and Tech Ed Coordinator Service Agreement with WDC #2155, effective 7/1/22 - 6/30/23. VOTE- U/C.
FEF: Reviewed Balance Summary. Tech: Update on new phone system and security cameras installed. Reviewed the Wide Area Network Map with the changes of dark fiber to lit fiber.
Personnel Consent Agenda
MOTION BY Veronen and seconded by Wolf to approve the items as follows:
ADMIN: Re-assignment of B. Larson, SpEd Para to Year-Round Flex Sub Para; L. Perkins, Academy Instructor to Year-Round Short Call Sub. Decrease in Hrs. of N. Hibbs, TCC/FACTS Facilitator;
ECFE/SR: Increase in Hrs. for K. Schalow, SR Child Educator; V. Wood, SR Para; B. Faust, ECFE/ SR Child Educator; M. Schmidt, ECFE Parent Educator; E. Hibbs, ECFE/ SR Child Educator. Decrease in Hrs., for M. Murch, SR Para; M. Wolhowe, SR Child Educator; L. Hubbard, SR Child Educator; L. Wright, ECFE/ SR Child Educator.
SPED: Hiring of T. Becker, Life & Social Skills Assist.; R. Rivers, ECSE Inst.; L. Bertram, SLPA; A. Lorentz, SPED Para. Decrease in Hrs. J. Miller, Van Driver; D. Baune, ECSE Para. Increase in Hrs. K. Kneisl, SpEd Para; M. Becker, SpEd Para. Increase in Days S. McAllister, Program Specialist. Voluntary Reduction in Days for L. Baumgart, PI/Assessment/ WBL Specialist. Resignation of M. Rasmussen, SpEd Para. VOTE- U/C.
Adjournment
MOTION BY Howard and seconded by Tumberg to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Pre-Approved
Publication Summary

RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED:
Bruce Lund, Clerk

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To the voters of Todd County, State of Minnesota:

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in all polling places within Todd County on Tuesday the (8th) Eighth day of November 2022 for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices listed below to wit:
All polling places will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. unless legal notice is given by the Municipality stating otherwise.
This sample ballot image contains contests across the entire county. Specific precinctlevel sample ballot images can be found online at mnvotes.org or by contacting the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office.
Contact your Municipal Clerk or County Auditor's office for polling place time and location information.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
215 1st Avenue South, Suite 201, Long Prairie, MN 56347
320-732-4414.

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State General Election Ballot
Todd County, Minnesota
November 8, 2022
Instructions to Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

Federal Offices	State Offices	County Offices
U.S. Representative District 7 Vote for One Travis "Bull" Johnson Legal Marijuana Now Michelle Fleischbach Republican Jill Ababneh Democratic Farmer-Labor	State Auditor Vote for One Will Finn Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis Tim Davis Legal Marijuana Now Ryan Wilson Republican Julie Staba Democratic Farmer-Labor	County Attorney Vote for One John Lindemann
State Offices State Senator District 5 Vote for One Paul J. Uke Republican A. John Peters Democratic Farmer-Labor	Attorney General Vote for One Jim Schultz Republican Keith Ellison Democratic Farmer-Labor	Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 1 Vote for One Barb James
State Representative District 5B Vote for One Mike Wiener Republican Gregg Hendrickson Independent Alliance	County Commissioner District 2 Vote for One Gary A. Kneisl Tim Denny	Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 3 Vote for One Dale Katterhagen
Governor and Lieutenant Governor Vote for One Team Steve Patterson and Matt Huft Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis James McCaskel and David Sandbach Legal Marijuana Now Scott Jensen and Matt Birk Republican Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan Democratic Farmer-Labor Hugh McTavish and Mike Winter Alliance Gabrielle M. Prosser and Kevin A. Dwore Socialist Workers	County Commissioner District 4 Vote for One Nikki Doyle Lew Noska	City Offices Mayor City of Bertha Vote for One Steven L. Greenwaldt Debra K. Nelson
Secretary of State Vote for One Kim Crockett Republican Steve Simon Democratic Farmer-Labor	County Recorder Vote for One Kimberly Boel	Council Member City of Bertha Vote for Up to Two Special Election for Council Member City of Bertha To fill vacancy in term expiring January 6, 2025 Vote for One Shari Moller Tyler Hoffman

Vote front and back of ballot

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Town Offices	School District Offices	School District Offices
Town Treasurer Town of Lesile Vote for One Mark Grinstead	School Board Member No. 213 (Osakis) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three Fran Breiter Jeffrey G. Kalpin Jonathan Ries Corey Goodwin Greg Faber	School Board Member No. 486 (Swanville) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three Molly Gerads William (Bill) Johnson
Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Little Elk Vote for One Kevin J. Kremers	Town Treasurer Town of Little Elk Vote for One Elizabeth Vetsch	School Board Member No. 487 (Upsata) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three Dean Wayne Peterson Trevor Solits James Warga Dan Klein Mike Klassen
Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Villard Vote for One Shawn Jordahl	Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Villard Vote for One John Reese	Special Election for School Board Member No. 213 (Osakis) Independent School District To fill vacancy in term expiring January 6, 2025 Vote for One Becky Hensley
Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Villard Vote for One David Fragodt	Town Treasurer Town of Villard Vote for One Dale Gimbel	School Board Member No. 482 (Little Falls Community Schools) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three Cassie Fredregill Sarah Marrow Daniel Schilling Sharon Ballou Mark A. Gerbi Molly Jean Nelson Brad Laager
Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Ward Vote for One David Fragodt	Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Ward Vote for One Dale Gimbel	School Board Member No. 748 (Melrose) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three Carrie Austin Melissa M. Poesppling Mark Heldgerken Becky Feldewerd Keith Fischer

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City Offices	City Offices	City Offices
Mayor City of Brownsville Vote for One Hannah Wieschalla	Mayor City of Eagle Bend Vote for One Scott Johnson	Council Member City of Osakis Vote for Up to Two Julie Cole Denny Gloriann Bartels Donald D. Fitzgerald (Fitz) Trinity Gruenberg Alice Meizer
Council Member City of Brownsville Vote for Up to Two Joshua Goertz Christopher Minor Sue Wiersgalla	Council Member City of Eagle Bend Vote for Up to Two Jason Nelson	Special Election for Council Member City of Hewitt To fill vacancy in term expiring January 6, 2025 Vote for One Maretta M. Matthews Holly Knutson
Mayor City of Burtrum Vote for One Jenae Ulbricht	Mayor City of Grey Eagle Vote for One Joseph A. Amzen	Mayor City of Long Prairie Vote for One Joeli Ann Dixon Dale Freeman
Council Member City of Brownsville Vote for Up to Two Sue Rotty Sara Macho Irene Ehler Robert Veldkamp Jr. Jerome (Romie) Gessell Jr.	Council Member City of Grey Eagle Vote for Up to Two Brian Hollenkamp Roland Ahrendt	Council Member City of Long Prairie Vote for Up to Two Clinton H. Krueger James Kreemer
Mayor City of Clarissa Vote for One Robert A. Gamache Brent Line	Special Election for Council Member City of Grey Eagle To fill vacancy in term expiring January 6, 2025 Vote for One Bradley Michael Johnson Chris Brown	Mayor City of Osakis Vote for One Daniel J. Wessel
Council Member City of Clarissa Vote for Up to Two Andrew Groth Mike Gebulla	Mayor City of Hewitt Vote for One Jennifer Crider Miles Wilms (Smiley)	

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School District Offices	School District Offices	School District Questions
School Board Member No. 743 (Sauk Centre) Independent School District Vote for Up to Four Ann Hess Joe Borgerding Joshua Rieland Scott Pearson Jeremy J. Hartigan	School Board Member No. 2155 (Wadena-Deer Creek) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three Brandon Kern Julie Bushinger Melissa Seelhammer Kyle Lehmkohl Ryan Damlo	To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question. School District Question 1 Renewal of Expiring School District Referendum Revenue Authorization The board of Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley) has proposed to renew its existing referendum revenue authorization of \$173.06 per pupil which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2023. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years beginning with taxes payable in 2024 and increase each year by the rate of inflation beginning with taxes payable in 2025 unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 2170 be approved? Yes No
School Board Member No. 786 (Bertha-Hewitt) Independent School District Vote for Up to Four Keith Bauch Kim Gavin Sharon Thiel Jean Ashbaugh Janelle Bright	School Board Member No. 2170 (Staples-Motley) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three Kyle Reese Bruce Drone Shelly DeCamp Erich J. Heppner Chandler Trout Ryan Wright	BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE. School District Offices School Board Member No. 2753 (Long Prairie-Grey Eagle) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three Lisa Wright Tanja Levin
School Board Member No. 819 (Verndale) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three Scott Veronen Tahna Runup	School Board Member No. 819 (Verndale) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three Scott Veronen Tahna Runup	Special District Offices United Hospital District Board Member Town of Moran Vote for One Sara J. Grove
		United Hospital District Board Member City of Staples United Vote for One Mary M. Theurer

Vote front and back of ballot

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Todd County, Minnesota
November 8, 2022
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City Offices	City Questions	City Offices
Council Member City of Osakis Vote for Up to Two Laura Backes Randy Anderson Stephanie Finnegan	To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question. City Question 1 IMPOSITION OF SALES AND USE TAX AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS Shall the City of Staples be authorized to (a) impose a sales and use tax of one-half of one percent (0.50%) for approximately 25 years or until approximately \$1.6 Million plus an amount equal to interest and the costs of the issuance of any bonds is raised, and (b) issue its general obligation bonds to an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1.6 Million, plus the cost of issuing the bonds, to finance any or all of the following: the equipment replacement and renovation of the existing community center? Yes No	City Clerk City of West Union Vote for One Janet Macey
Mayor City of Staples Vote for One Douglas M. Case Ron Murray	BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A SALES TAX INCREASE. City Offices Mayor City of Swanville Vote for One Sandra Lange	Town Offices Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Bruce Vote for One Brad Moliner
Council Member City of Staples Vote for Up to Three Lisa Toepfer Benjamin Johnson Blake Gerard Mary Jo Goff Rhogadia Sean Roy Miles	Council Member City of Swanville Vote for Up to Two Tony Maciej James Mollitor	Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Germania Vote for One Matthew Cardinal
	Mayor City of West Union Vote for One Roger Engle	Town Supervisor Seat C Town of Germania Vote for One Darlin Dean Vern H. Desotell
	Council Member City of West Union Vote for One Mark Quistoff	Town Treasurer Town of Germania Vote for One Lisa Stange
		Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Grey Eagle Vote for One Raymond Bense John Young
		Town Supervisor Seat C Town of Grey Eagle Vote for One Ronald Frericks Alan N. Roering
		Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Leslie Vote for One Douglas Kaiser

Vote front and back of ballot

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State General Election Ballot
Todd County, Minnesota
November 8, 2022
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Court of Appeals Judge 1 Vote for One Theodora Karlin Gallas Incumbent	Judge 19 Vote for One Francis Connolly Incumbent
Judge 5 Vote for One Louise Devre Bjorkman Incumbent	7th District Court Judge 3 Vote for One Daniel A. Benson Incumbent
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Judge 11 Vote for One Michelle A. Larkin Incumbent	Judge 25 Vote for One Nathaniel D. Wette Incumbent
Judge 16 Vote for One Peter M. Reyes, Jr. Incumbent	

Vote front and back of ballot



en. Pictured above Oct. 5, at the middle school are, from left, Lion Deb Sing; fifth graders Aubrey Suomi, Easton Larson, Tucker Baumgartner, unknown, Jackson Bitzer; and Lion Rick Adamietz, far right. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley area law enforcement report

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

Oct. 5 - 11

Oct. 3 - While on patrol, the MPD observed a vehicle parked at the Crown Gas building in Motley which had been sitting there most of the previous day as well. The MPD stopped to see if someone had abandoned the vehicle and found someone in the driver's seat laying down. The female subject stated she was homeless and living out of her van, going on to say she'd been staying there because it was quiet and nobody was bothering her. She stated she was on her way to Arizona but needed to wait until the first of the month due to expenses. The MPD said there was concern for the subject's mental health, but when asked about it she became upset and wanted to get a way. The woman was advised to find a different place to stay and she then left the area.

Oct. 5 - The MPD responded to a call of a welfare concern at the Dairy Queen in Motley and subsequently arrested Donald Louis Garlock, 74, for driving while intoxicated. The MPD later observed that the back passenger door of the squad vehicle that Garlock had been kicking is pushed out from the top and doesn't swing open and shut as it should. The MPD

plans to take the vehicle to a body shop to get an estimate for repairs to the door

Oct. 11 - The MCSO arrested Marnie Rae Perfetti-Galston, 47, for violation of a court order for Harassment Restraining Order.

Oct 8 - The MCSO received a report that a male subject and his girlfriend were fishing on Fish Trap Lake in Cushing, when the male's fishing line got caught in the boat's motor. When he bent over to unhook it, he was unable to pull himself back into the boat. The girlfriend tried helping him but was unable to. She then called her boyfriend's brother, and he and a neighbor rode out in a pontoon and assisted the subject back into the boat. On their way back to the cabin, the subject became unresponsive and 911 was called. Emergency personnel arrived and assisted with CPR which was already in progress. The subject was taken by Life Link Air Care to St. Cloud Hospital.

Oct. 6 - The MCSO conducted a warrant check at the 3000 block of 270th St., Cushing. Upon arrival, a male was found on the property with an active warrant out of Cass County. The warrant was confirmed and the subject was arrested and transported to Pillager where he was handed over to Cass County.

Oct. 12 - 18

Oct. 18 - The MPD issued a citation to Jeffrey Allan

Meyer, 57, for driving with a revoked license.

Oct. 17 - The MPD received a call from a Motley resident reporting a scam call from Publisher's Clearinghouse. They told the subject she had won \$18.5 million and a new 2022 Mercedes car. In order to win her prize, they said she needed to obtain an American Express gift card from Dollar General for \$400 and give them the code to retrieve the money. She said she did not give them any personal information nor did she purchase the gift card. She requested a report be made and put on file.

Oct. 15 - The MPD received a request from Cass County Sheriff's Office to respond to a one-vehicle roll over with injuries at the 3000 block of Hwy 210 SW in Pillager. Once on scene, state patrol arrived and handled the crash, and the MPD cleared.

Oct. 15 - The MPD issued a citation to Caleb Kurt Kalbrener, 19, for a hands free violation.

Oct. 13 - The MPD issued a citation to Dylan Jacob Dosch, 24, for failure to maintain single lane.

Oct. 12 - The MCSO called out Motley Fire Department to provide assistance in Cass County for a barn fire at the 8000 block of 56th St. SW in Staples.

Oct. 12 - The MCSO is sued a speeding citation to Lynette Vavreck, 62.

Webinar for cattle owners with a day job

The University of Minnesota Extension will host a three-part webinar series titled: Essentials for the cattle owner with a day job.

Zoom meetings will be held on Thursdays, Nov. 3, 10 and 17 from 8 to 9 p.m. The webinar series will focus on topics designed to help cattle owners that have obligations other than cattle such as an off the farm job or crop farming. Farmers, 4H members, ag business professionals who work with farmers, and those interested in beef cows are invited to attend.

- Thursday, Nov. 3: Grazing strategies to reduce annual costs

Topics to be discussed: Grazing strategies and pasture set up to keep annual cost down with the overall goal of keeping things simple to maximize efficiency and save time.

- Thursday, Nov. 10: How to choose your calving season

Topics to be discussed: What should influence when you calve and how will that influence your marketing strategy? Considerations include scours, labor, time and space

- Thursday, Nov. 17: Winter housing – space requirements, feeding strategies and spring scours

Topics to be discussed: The different options for housing cows in the winter and the considerations you should make when setting up your system.

Pre-registration is required. Register by visiting z.umn.edu/beefowner. You will receive a Zoom link following registration. You only have to register once, and you will be registered for all subsequent webinars. If you are unable to attend the live sessions you will receive the recordings for all the sessions via email at the end of the series. Any questions contact Brenda Miller at nels4220@umn.edu.

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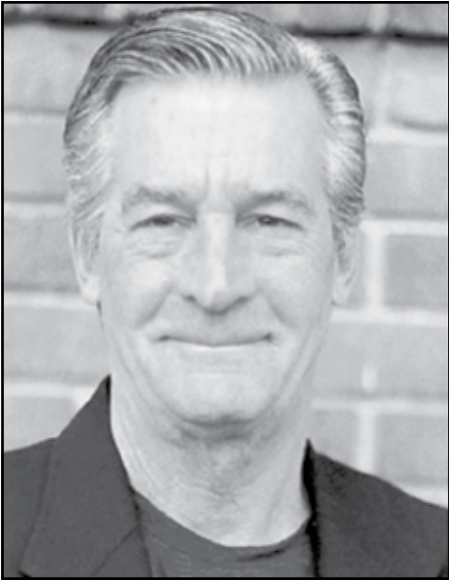
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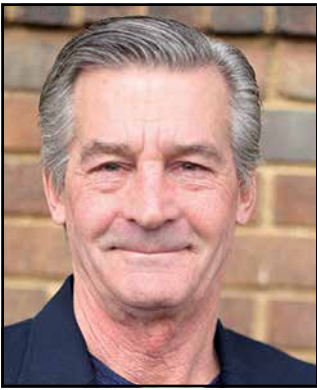
- *will never vote against people's medical or gun rights!
- *will put District 5B first over politics!
- *will fix property taxes and get broad band for District 5B
- *By the people for the people, not by the people for the Party!

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New district 5, 5B state legislature candidates

House of Representatives District 5B



Gregg Hendrickson

Independent candidate for Minnesota House of Representatives District 5B

1. Profile

Independent Candidate for House 5B. US Army veteran, business degree with 40 plus years in management, finance, sales and marketing.

I live three miles south of Long Prairie. I have raised three children and have two grandchildren in District 5B. As a swing voter in St. Paul and my years in business, I will bring a unique set of skills to St. Paul with one goal in mind, to work for the people of House 5B and not a political party.

2. Main issues

Property tax and Infrastructure. Our rural areas are declining in population and our county government keeps expanding resulting in a higher tax burden for the ones who live here.

Wadena County is trying to figure out their over \$1,000,000 increase to their levy for 2023 and Todd County have not announced theirs yet but I'm sure its going up also. This is not sustainable.

We must fix this at the state level by changing the tax codes and I have a plan that will get it done.

Infrastructure, I live three miles south of Long Prairie and I still do not have broadband. The livelihood of our businesses, farms and families depends on this basic service to prosper. These neglected simple fixes can be achieved.

3. Local issues

I know Staples and Motley well. I used to work a long time ago at Seafest and the El-Ray restaurant and met a lot of great people along the way. We all have the same issues everywhere in district 5B. We are all trying to put food on the table and live our lives the best we can without the Government telling us what we can and can't do.

Inflation is affecting everyone. If you drive to work, eat or play, everything is more expensive now. We must become more local with our goods and services. We need more farm to table operations to lower the cost on the retail end and the local farmer can get a fair price on the goods. Manufacturing more of our essential parts locally so the are not affected by the whims of China. We also need more biofuels to help lower the cost at the gas station. We can do this and become a better community for all that live here. Remember to vote, by the people for the people, not by the people for the party.



Mike Weiner

Republican candidate for Minnesota House of Representatives District 5B

1. Profile

I was born and raised in Todd County. Grew up working on the family farm and for the family business. I moved to St Cloud in 1994 to attend college for business management and sales. There I met my wife of 21 years and moved home to start our family. God blessed us with nine wonderful children. We started our business, Wiener Custom Craft in 2002 processing animal bedding and biomass. We also have stayed active in agriculture, raising our Texas Longhorn beef Cattle. I have been on the Todd County Planning and Zoning Board for 15 years. I'm also active in the Todd County Republicans the last few years and deputy chair of the group for one year.

2. Main issues

Taxes, economy, gas prices, and inflation are all issues extremely important.

As a legislator we need to lower taxes so people keep more of their money to deal with the rising cost of inflation and energy prices. During the 70's and 80's our county was dealing with a very similar economic environment. High interest rates and energy costs can push us into a recession or worse. The most effective method to combat these problems is to cut government spending and taxes. With this being a budget year, and the high probability of republicans gaining control of the house, senate and governor we can make the changes that will quickly impact people's lives.

3. Local issues

I have been doing business across this legislative area for years. The issues for Staples and Motley are similar across the area. We want safe communities, good schools, and economic prosperity. As your representative I will serve the people and put them first. We live in the greatest country in the world. We have our problems and challenges but our best days are not behind us, they are in front of us.

Minnesota Senate District 5



Paul Utke

Republican candidate for Minnesota Senate District 5

1. Profile

My wife and I have lived in Park Rapids for 29 years and we have two adult daughters. My work history includes 15 years with Mack Truck dealers, we owned and operated a retail hardware and equipment rental business for 16 years, I have been a Certified Legal Videographer for 15 years and a Licensed P&C Insurance Agent for 12 years. I served seven years on the Park Rapids City Council and now I have served in the Minnesota Senate for six years.

I bring a lot of practical experience to St. Paul and now with six years of legislative experience, I am able to tackle any issue that comes to my office.

2. Main issues

My issues are the same as our state issues. Public Safety and our Economy are at the top of the list. We have to get crime under control so people feel safe again as they travel around the state and attend events. Our economy has taken a big hit from COVID. Yes, state revenue has continued to grow but when we look around our communities we have a lot of challenges with rising costs and a shortage of working people. The 2023 session is our budget setting year. We must produce a budget that respects our tax payers. We spend enough already so increasing the spending is irresponsible.

3. Local issues

I have lived within an hour of Staples and Motley for 29 years. That means I have driven through and around both communities a lot. I have watched a lot of good things happen and improvements take place throughout the Staples and Motley region. I know that I have a lot more to learn about both communities. I look forward to working with area partners on whatever the needs are in the Staples and Motley area. The legislature is a relationship business. We work with advocates that bring issues to us and we then carry that message or project to our colleagues in the Capitol. It is a team effort to get good things done and I look forward to working with the local citizens.



A. John Peters

Democratic candidate for Minnesota Senate District 5

1. Profile

I am John Peters. I am running for Minnesota Senate in Todd County, Wadena County and parts of Becker, Cass, Hubbard, and Morrison Counties. I live with my wife Kathleen and dog Maddie. I grew up in Shelby, Iowa, baling hay, shelling corn, digging graves, and clerking and delivering groceries in my parents' small grocery store.

My career path included being an educator in high school and college, a coach, intern on the space program, a computer programmer for major corporations, a mathematician for insurance companies, and a small business owner for 30 years. I am a rural Democrat, not a city Democrat. We may disagree on what is happening in Washington but remember, I will put the people in Minnesota first. My votes will be based on:

- My conscience
- What is best for the people in my district.

I will work with the people across the aisle if it is best for our area.

2. Main issues

Most of our economy issues are worldwide and caused by a perfect storm of events. At the state level I can ease costs by working on property taxes, taxes for low and middle-class families, creating affordable daycare, affordable health care. We need to create multiple fuel depots which will bring oil storage closer to the gas stations at a lower cost.

The most dangerous job for law officers is dealing with domestic disputes. As the board chair of Hands of Hope Resource Center (a nonprofit that addresses domestic violence), I have seen the problems this has caused. We need to add mental health care professionals to aid the police with these issues.

I support the police. We need more well-trained law enforcement officers. We need to understand the difference in law enforcement in the cities and rural areas. Training should be adapted to the area served.

We have great public schools, but they are funded at lower levels now than they were in 2000. We need to raise the funding so we can keep our great schools. In addition, we need to increase the number of health counselors and career counselors. The schools are the center of our communities.

3. Local issues

Living in Browerville, I visit both Staples and Motley all the time. My wife drives through Motley every day on her way into work.

I love visiting Pine Grove Park in Staples. When we are not shopping in Browerville or Long Prairie, we will buy groceries at Jon's and Ernie's. The Staple's Men's Choir is a gem and we have viewed them at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center. I have held meetings at Timbers. We go to Lakewood Health System for its excellent health care. I have worked with staff Central Lakes College where the students can learn the skills necessary for today's world. My wife and I also enjoy the Living Legacy Gardens.

Many times, when going through Motley we stop at Morey's Seafood for some of the best fish and pate in the state. When go to the river landing behind Brick's with our tubes, kayak, or paddleboat, we will stop with the grandchildren at the Silo for ice cream. Once a month will go to either Bricks or the Countryside for a meal. My wife, when coming home from work sometimes will pick up supper from The BBQ Smokehouse Plus.



A little help from his parents

In his one-man show, "Every Brilliant Thing," performed at Centennial Auditorium in Staples last week, Matthew R. Olsen welcomed audience participation periodically. Pictured above, Olsen's real-life dad, Kevin Olsen (seated) took on the role of his character's father. In this particular scene, the lead character recalls the conversation he had with his father upon learning (at age seven) that his mother had tried to take her own life. In lower photo, Olsen's real-life mom, Penny Olsen, portrayed the character's guidance counselor at school, who used a sock puppet (known as the "I Care Dog") as a means to communicate with the boy in a non-threatening way.

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New state political districts

The State of Minnesota created new legislative districts this year. The Nov. 8 election will be the first chance for voters to send representatives from these districts.

Minnesota District 5 B is all of Todd County and the southern half of Wadena County, but also includes portions of Cass and Morrison Counties, including Motley and Pillager.

District 5A is the northern half of Wadena County, with portions of Becker, Hubbard and Cass County. Fairview Township, north of Pillager, is in District 5A, but otherwise most area residents are in District 5B.

Those two districts combined will be the senate district for this area, District 5. The former district for this area was District 9.

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Learn how not to burn

Students witnessed first hand the effects of adding water to a grease fire demonstrated by firefighters at the student safety tour held Oct. 14 at the Staples Fire Department hall. Above: Second grade students in Tressa Cain's class at Staples Motley Elementary School learned

what not to do if a pan of grease on the stove started on fire. Firefighters Brandon Brusewitz and Brandon Steriker coordinated the demonstration. All students from SMES and Sacred Heart Area School were hosted for the tours. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

Helpful aim

Students took turns practicing aiming the fire hose at a simulated house fire during Fire Prevention Week tours at the Staples Fire Hall. This year's theme was "Fire

Won't Wait; Plan your Escape." Staples firefighters Brandon Brusewitz and Ryan Ismil also helped kindergarten students in Emily Benson's class.



Compass Award winner

Pat Held of Motley (left) was recently recognized as the 2022 recipient of the Compass Award from his alma mater, Saint John's Prep school in Collegeville. The award is presented to those whose leadership, engagement and support have provided direction and guidance for Saint John's Prep. He is pictured with Head of School Jon McGee.

A 1969 graduate of Saint John's Prep, Held went on to graduate from Saint John's University with degrees in History and Social Studies education and minor in coaching, and shortly after was hired to be a junior high social studies teacher and head high school basketball coach in Motley. Held later earned his master's degree in Education and School Climate from Hamline University, which he put to use for nearly 35 years in the classroom and on the baseball diamond, retiring in 2007 from what had become Staples-Motley High School.

According to a press release, Held currently serves as "Volunteer Assistant Coach" for the baseball team at Saint John's Prep, making the more than hour drive each afternoon from Motley to mentor the young men. When asked why he loves to coach, Held said, "Every day you have an opportunity to plant a seed not knowing if you will ever see it grow, but someone will. People often ask me how the season is going and I tell them, 'Ask me in 20 years. When I see what kind of husbands, fathers and community members they've become, then I'll know what kind of season we had.'" When asked why he has chosen to give back to Prep, Held shared, "I'm a Johnnie through and through. What I learned at Saint John's shaped me into the person I am today. I believe I have a responsibility to be there for the people and institutions that were there for me." (Submitted photo)

Two way blast

Far right: Dueling streams of water from two different hoses aimed at the same target made for wet conditions. The snow and rain Oct. 14 also contributed.

Right: Firefighters Austin Redemske and Jake Denning gave tours of the rescue vehicle and demonstrated the use of firefighter attire and equipment.



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