

## School test scores show high growth

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

Staples-Motley schools are above average in achieving yearly growth for individual students and in graduating students, but they still are not satisfied with below average test scores in math and reading. On the positive side, science scores are strong.

Staples-Motley Teach-

ing and Learning Coordinator Deb Ferdon reviewed some of the school's state-wide test scores at a school board work session on Nov. 4. Ferdon said the school does not focus their classroom work on test scores, instead they work on increasing learning.

"There are so many other things our kids are great at, that tests can't measure," said Ferdon.

But the tests are useful in shaping how the teaching staff approaches their lessons every day. "It's a chance for us to look at our system, find gaps, holes and successes," said Ferdon.

Ferdon said reading and math have been inconsistent subject areas, but the school has excelled in science scores.

High School Principal Mike Schmidt told the board some of that may have to do with the teachers at the school, where there has been little turnover in the science department in recent years. "Those teachers honed their craft," said Schmidt.

Schmidt told the board they have added a math teacher and are concentrating on improving math scores. He said not all students take the math tests, depending on what math class they are taking that

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## Library celebrating tenth anniversary in new building

*Cupcakes offered at book sale Nov. 22-23*

By Brenda Halvorson

It began with a dream, an idea born at a Blandin Community Leadership Program retreat in 2007.

The need was identified for a larger, accessible, modern public library with a brighter, lighter children's space and more computers for patron's internet use. Nice dream, huh? But how could the community make it come alive?

Forming a Friends of the Staples Public Library group was a first step. Core members were among those who attended that leadership program and many of them are still serving today. They recruited others who have a love of libraries and the drive to improve their community. The first board included Renae Schmitz, Julie Krause, John Gorton, Mike Palmer and Brenda Halvorson from the original Blandin alumni. They were joined by Gloria Palmer, Nate Mathews, Tom Kajer and Marilyn Bayerkohler. Viretta Neidhardt was the librarian at the time.

Three years later on a cold and snowy January day, the library moved into a new building with the city offices at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. The ribbon cutting and grand opening were held Feb. 25, 2010.



### Library ribbon cutting in 2010

City and library officials cut the ribbon on the new Staples City Hall and Staples Public Library on Feb. 25, 2010. From left are Gerry Ruda, Todd County Commissioner; Kristy Smith, director of Great River Regional Library; Nate

Mathews, Staples City Administrator; Gloria Palmer, president of the Friends of the Staples Public Library; Chris Etzler, Mayor of Staples; and Suzanne Miller, State Librarian with the Minnesota Department of Education.

Of course, it took a lot of hard work, planning and fund raising to get to that point. Timing was an important factor. And it took the support of the whole community to reach the goal.

To celebrate the tenth anniversary the Friends will offer cupcakes at their annual used book sale to be held 1-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday,

Nov. 23, at the library.

Here's some background. When this dream was born, the library had 2,500 sq. ft. of space in the basement of what was then the Staples Government Center. Originally built as a hospital in 1936, the building also housed city administration offices, the police department, the Staples Food Shelf and Region Five. Although the library

served an average of nearly 8,000 patrons in over 24,500 visits per year, the space was cramped and dark and accessibility was limited. Children's programming was held in every little nook and cranny and there were only two public computers.

Planning for a new space for these entities

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## Middle, high school merge working well

By Loren Walz  
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Staples-Motley School District

Staples-Motley School District made some big changes over the summer: a new superintendent joined the team, and most notably, grades K-12 were restructured between two school buildings instead of the previous three. We're three months into the school year now and many of you are wondering - how's the new setup going?

John Regan, Middle School Principal, noted the staff "rose up and did a great job coming together" when it came to the transition. This included middle school teachers taking on some new roles teaching a few high school classes, as well as reducing travel time for PE and music teachers who had previously traveled between schools to meet student

needs. High School Principal Mike Schmidt said "our efficiencies in special ed., shared staff and fine arts speak for themselves—they (teachers) have more facetime with kids."

Schmidt also noted the "intrinsic perspective" gained by his high school students who are newly reconnected with not only their middle school teachers, but also what it looks like to be in middle school. He said "having the connection with their middle school roots helps them remember: I am learning, I am growing, I am maturing."

Though Regan and Schmidt make the transition seem like an easy one, it didn't come without some challenges. For example, how do you work out the sheer movement of eight grades of students through the halls and in between shared classes like PE and art? Schmidt said, "in the end we were overthinking it...it wasn't really as hard

as we thought it would be because the staff made it easy." Regan shared that once they figured out how to marry the schedules of the younger students with the older ones "the fifth and sixth grade students actually have access to increased time in gym, art, band and choir compared to last year."

A more heartwarming outcome of the joining of schools is the newfound opportunity for mentorship between high school and middle school students. Both principals noted this connection, both in the changed demeanor of high school students as they try to be better examples for the younger students, and with the more formal opportunities to bring upperclassmen into middle school classrooms to work with middle schoolers.

One thing is certain: the middle school students have brought, as Schmidt calls it, "a quirky, fun energy" to the building.



### Settled in to new building

Staples-Motley fifth grade students study in one of the new rooms refurbished to move the middle school to the high school building. The room is equipped with smartboard technology that students can work collabora-

tively with their computers. Sitting at the front table are Chelsie Kampa, Annie Schlosser and Sadye Anderson, at the back table are Emmat Djuren, Emersen Bettis, Chloe Trantina and Paige Warren. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## Weather

### This Week's Forecast

High Low Cond.

Nov. 20 33° 25 Cloudy

Nov. 21 27 15 Snow

Showers

Nov. 22 28 17 Sunny

Nov. 23 29 19 M. Sunny

Nov. 24 29 19 M. Cloudy

Nov. 25 30 19 Cloudy

Nov. 26 25 16 M. Cloudy

### Last Year, 2018

High Low Cond.

Nov. 20 28° 20° Cloudy

Nov. 21 25 18 Cloudy

Nov. 22 35 30 Cloudy

Nov. 23 45 33 Cloudy

Nov. 24 37 30 Cloudy

Nov. 25 25 16 Cloudy

Nov. 26 24 15 Cloudy

Average Temp.:  
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Total snow for week:

.50"

2019 Total Rain:

31.15"

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## Obituaries

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William Backberg  
Donna Miller  
Walter Sowers



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### Drawing superheroes

Molly Hoemberg, a fourth grader at Staples-Motley Elementary School, shows Minnesota illustrator Mike Wahnoutka some of her drawings after attending his class, 'Create Your Own Superhero' during the Young Writers Workshop. Hoemberg's superhero was named Mrs. Amazing, and her sidekick was BB8. Mrs. Amazing's nemesis was Dr. Dufus. Wahnoutka is the author and illustrator of several books; and was the illustrator of "Moo!" written by David LaRochelle, which won the Minnesota Book Award. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

## Young Authors Conference in Staples

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

Over 350 students from the five-county area participated in the Young Authors Conference at Central Lakes College in Staples Nov. 13 and 14.

This was the second year for this event, sponsored by Sourcewell of Staples. The conference provides "a chance for our students to be inspired by award-winning professional writers from across the state of Minnesota," said Katie Embree, Student Academic Coordinator at Sourcewell. "Students experience an upbeat, hands-on day to discover their joy for writing," she added.

Day one of the conference was attended by students in grades four - six; and students in grades six - eight attended the second day.

Deb Ferdon, Q Comp/ Curriculum Coordinator at Staples-Motley Schools,

attended the event, bringing a total of 40 students with her over the two days. "The kids had a great experience," she said. "They met 'real' authors and illustrators and gained confidence in their writing and turning their ideas into something for someone else to read." She went on to share that on the second day of the conference, she had three students read parts of their 'books' to her.

Ferdon explained that participating students were chosen by teachers based on their interest in writing. In some grades, students were required to submit a piece of writing as an application to attend.

During the course of each day, students had the opportunity to attend three sessions in keeping with the theme, "The Stories We Weave." There was also a book fair, lunch and live music offered as part

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## Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Nov. 7 - 13 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Ryan Greenlee, 28; Rick Michalec, 53.

Nov. 8 - The MPD received a report regarding a couple of people who have been loitering at Auger's Motley Express. According to the report, the subjects loiter for long periods of time, have asked numerous other patrons for money and are suspected of stealing merchandise. At the request of the owner of Auger's, the MPD issued trespass notices to the two subjects and delivered them in person at their residence. The subjects were very upset and the male party stated that he would probably be arrested because he was going to continue to go there. The MPD advised him not to go there or he would be arrested. He was also advised to speak via phone with the owner

about the incidents.

Nov. 7 - The MPD received a report from Dollar General in Motley of three females and one male, all African-American and in their early 20s, that had attempted to buy \$12,000 worth of gift cards. The employee did not allow the sale. She stated that her manager had called her earlier to warn her that the same four parties had been at the Dollar General in Pillager and stolen items and attempted to buy gift cards. The manager described the four individuals and the car they were driving, which was a newer, white hybrid sedan with no plates. Nothing was stolen from the Motley store, the report said. The car was gone when the MPD arrived.

Nov. 7 - The MPD received a call from Morey's Seafoods in Motley, reporting a subject that has been calling repeatedly to speak with his ex-wife who works there. Employees answering the phone have told the man multiple times to stop calling but he

continues to call. The MPD spoke with the reporting party and the ex-wife and advised them both on how to obtain an Harassment Restraining Order (HRO).

Nov. 7 - The MPD issued a hands free violation citation to Nicole Schaefer, 21.

Nov. 7 - The MPD issued a citation to Danny Dukowitz, 51, for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Nov. 7 - The MPD issued a citation to Justin Foust, 32, for driving after suspension.

Nov. 11 - The MCSO received a call from Patrick Krapfl, Cushing, reporting his Browning 223 is missing. He is not sure if he had put it on the tool box in the back of his truck and lost it while driving to Staples, or if someone stole it from the back seat of his truck while he was in Staples at two different residences. He said that he would call local pawn shops and advise them of the gun. The MCSO called the Staples Police to advise them.



## Two vehicle accident in Motley

A two vehicle accident occurred at the intersection on Hwy 210 and Hwy 10 in Motley the afternoon of Nov. 14. First responders included the Motley Fire and

Rescue, Motley Police, state patrol and the Staples Ambulance. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



## Lions Peace Poster winners

Winners of the Lions Club Peace Poster contest were announced at the Veterans Day program in Motley Nov. 11. The contest is open to students age 11, 12 or 13. This year's poster theme was 'Journey of Peace.'

Pictured above, back row from left, Staples '93 Lion Kathy Johnson; Motley Lion Wanda Lutzke; Kris Taylor, 1st place; Bailey Weiland, 2nd place; Audrey Brownell, 3rd place; Staples '93 Lion Beth Gedde. Front row, from left:

Jonathon Faulkner, Maddie Kist, Avery Killian and Autumn Smith. Below, are the top three winners, Taylor, Weiland and Brownell.

The first place poster will go on to compete at the 5M8 District Contest, which includes Todd, Morrison, Mille Lacs, Kanabec, Benton and Stearns counties. Last year, Staples-Motley's Nikki Carter won first place at the District Contest. (Submitted photos)



## Operation Christmas Child elves

Students in the Connections High School Program at Staples-Motley (and a few other volunteers) packed 178 boxes in about an hour Nov. 7, part of the Operation Christmas Child program. Pictured above, front row from left: Zachary McIlravy, Jocelynn Rippentrop, Tori Nienow, Chris Trout, Emmajean Erickson, Shaylee Bills. Back row: Joy Rippentrop, Isaac Kern, AJ Nienow, Marie Boyer, Samone Goodtrack, Gilberto Terrones

and Jaiden Rippentrop. In lower left photo, Zackary McIlravy finishes packing a couple of more boxes. In lower right photo, from left, are Marie Boyer, Jocelynn Rippentrop, Samone Goodtrack and Gilberto Terrones. Stephanie Kern of Park Rapids, mother of one of the students, was the coordinator for this event. She said that all of the gift items had been donated. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## Correction

In the Nov. 6 edition of the Staples World, an article entitled 'Council divided on whether or not to repeal building code ordinance' had an error in it.

During the meeting that the article referenced, City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja noted that the city needed to post notice of an ordinance change 10 days before voting on it, *not* that the notice needed to be posted in the city's legal newspaper as was stated in the article. The Staples World apologizes for the error.

## CLC receives Gold Seal for Excellence at ALL IN awards ceremony

At the 2019 ALL IN Challenge Awards Ceremony held to recognize colleges and universities committed to increasing college student voting rates, Central Lakes College received a gold seal for achieving a student rate between 40-49 percent.

"CLC is proud to receive this national recognition for our efforts. Our faculty, staff, administrators and students are committed to working together to reduce apathy, increase engagement and graduate civic-minded students prepared to solve the country's and the world's most pressing challenges," stated Erich Heppner, Director of Student Life at Central Lakes College.

Student participation in elections has increased from the 2014 midterm election to the recent 2018 midterm election. According to the National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement, an initiative of Tufts University's Institute for Democracy & Higher Education, voter turnout at the more than 1,000 institutions participating in the study increased by 21 points from 19 percent to 40 percent. Central Lakes College's data reveals that voter turnout increased to 45.2 percent, which is a 12.8 percent jump from the 2014 midterm election and

higher than the national average.

"We are excited to honor Central Lakes College with an ALL IN Challenge Gold Seal in recognition of their intentional efforts to increase democratic engagement and full voter participation," said Jennifer Domagal-Goldman, executive director of the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge. "More institutions like Central Lakes College are changing the culture on campus by institutionalizing nonpartisan democratic engagement efforts that are resulting in the incredible student voter turnout rates that we've seen across the country."

The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge is a nonpartisan, national initiative recognizing and supporting campuses as they work to increase nonpartisan democratic engagement and full student voter participation. The challenge encourages higher education institutions to help students form the habits of active and informed citizenship and make democratic participation a core value on their campus.

More than 560 campuses, enrolling more than 6.2 million students, have joined the ALL IN Challenge since its launch in the summer of 2016.

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# Staples council approves alcohol measures

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council broke a deadlocked vote to approve an ordinance to allow Family Dollar store to sell 3.2 percent alcohol beverages. At a meeting in October, the council tied 3-3 on whether to allow the measure. At their Nov. 12 meeting, the council was informed that city attorney Joe Krueger said the council will have to indicate why the measure did not pass.

Mayor Chris Etzler said the council could open themselves up to lawsuits if it appears they are randomly selecting which stores can sell alcohol. He gave an example of a person wanting to buy a bar in Staples, but the council rejected it because a police report suggested not to allow that person operate a bar in the community.

Council member Roy Miles talked about the damage that alcohol does to a community as his reason for voting against it. Miles consistently votes against measures asking to approve alcohol or gambling. "It takes the 'family' out of it," Miles said about the Family Dollar store selling alcohol.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said this is the only 3.2 license that has been requested in Staples.

The council approved the request with Miles and Ron Murray voting against it.

The council also approved an ordinance that allows a brewery or distillery to be operated

in the city. Etzler said the trend of micro-breweries is associated with economic growth in the communities where they have been popping up in Minnesota. he said of 209 breweries in Minnesota, 21 are in towns smaller than Staples. "It is a current measure of a community's vitality," said Etzler. "There is a lot of talk about what is happening in downtown Wadena, because of the brewery."

Miles disagreed, saying attitude is more important than a brewery to a town's vitality.

The council approved the change to city codes to allow a brewery, with Miles opposed.

### Compensation study

A class and compensation study of Staples City employees was presented by Tessa Melvin of David Drown Associates. After analyzing job duties of the city employees, she proposed a structure that would increase wages by \$35,713.

Nelsen said the proposal adopts a pay philosophy to be competitive with City of Wadena employees, and pay around 98 percent of those wages.

In other news, Public Works Director Doug Bendorf said they are working on alternative funding ideas for a new wastewater treatment plant after bids came in around \$3 million higher than engineers projections. He said the city can receive around \$10 million in grants for the \$16 million project, but the extra cost is more than they want to put on the monthly water and sewer bills.

## Staples Police report Oct. 28-Nov. 11

On Oct. 28, Staples Police responded to the elementary school for a report of a tobacco violation. Police recovered what appeared to be a cartridge for a vape pen.

On Oct. 29, Staples Police received a report of an attempted burglary that was interrupted at the Dower Lake Recreation Area which caused damage to a door. After investigation, police cited a subject with damage to property.

On Oct. 30, Staples Police responded to the 900 block of 6th Street NE for a report of an HRO violation. After investigation, David Johnson, 47, was arrested for an HRO violation.

On Nov. 1, Staples Police were called to a group home on Wisconsin Ave. for a subject who had walked away and did not return. Police located the subject and returned them to the home.

On Nov. 2, Staples Police received a call about a homeless individual who was looking for a place to stay. Police helped the subject receive a Amtrak ticket and a room at a homeless shelter in Moorhead.

On Nov. 4, Staples Police received information from a party who has a restraining order on a subject and believed the subject may have been photographing or taking video of her.

On Nov. 4, Staples Police received a report of a school bus stop arm violation that was reported to have occurred on the 100 block of Ravilla Street NE. After investigation, Skylar Marie Schey, 22, of Staples, was cited for the offense.

On Nov. 5, Staples Police received a report of a domestic assault that occurred on the 900 block of 6th Street NE. After investigation, police arrested Robert Sero, 29, of Staples, for domestic assault. Sero was transported to the Todd County detention center.

On Nov. 6, Staples Police responded to the Staples Motley High School for a report of an assault. Staff and student were both advised.

On Nov. 7, Staples Police responded to the high school for a juvenile with a vape pen. Police learned that the pen contained

marijuana fluid. A report regarding 5th degree possession is being forwarded to the Todd County Attorney's Office.

On Nov. 8, Staples Police responded to a report of a bicyclist who was struck by a pick-up truck at the intersection of 6th St. SE and Front St. SE. The victim, Dawn Fiebing of Staples had minor injuries but was not transported from the scene. The driver of the truck, Gary Paskewitz of Staples was not injured.

On Nov. 8, Staples Police disposed of 70 pounds of prescription drugs at the incinerator. The prescription drug drop off box is located at the lobby of the Staples Police Station.

On Nov. 9, Staples Police assisted the State Patrol with a vehicle rollover on Highway 10 east of Staples.

On Nov. 9, Staples Police responded to the 100 block of 5th Street NE for a report of suspicious activity involving a subject who opened a door to an apartment and when confronted, left the building. The complainant stated the subject appeared and smelled to be highly intoxicated. The subject was last seen walking eastbound on 2nd Ave. NE. Police searched the area but did not locate the subject.

On Nov. 10, Staples Police responded to a residence on 3rd Street NE for a report of domestic assault. After investigation, Derek Leeper was arrested for domestic assault by strangulation.

### 75 YEARS Ago - 1944

• Nov. 23, 1944 - Word reached Staples last week that Lt. Walter Dahl, 22, son of Mrs. Maude Dahl of Staples, was missing in an airplane crash over the Atlantic Ocean near Myrtle Beach, Charleston, South Carolina, and at that time little hope was held for his recovery.

The first of this week, Mrs. Dahl received notice from an officer at the base that the plane had been recovered, and that the bodies of those in the plane had been identified. The body will be returned to Staples for burial, and will

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be accompanied by a military escort.

• Nov. 23, 1944 - Staples high school football team placed one man on the all-conference football team this year, in the person of "Lefty" Cameron, who has played a stellar game throughout the entire season. The St. Cloud Times conducted a poll among the coaches of the Central Eight Conference, and the vote for Cameron for the position of right half was almost unanimous.

Cameron, a senior in Staples high school this year, will be in the regular lineup on the basketball team, where he is also a star player for the Staples quint.

• Nov. 23, 1944 - Hans Storhaugen of Motley received word Sunday that his son, Pvt. John Storhaugen, had been killed in action somewhere in the Pacific area.

This is the second boy from Motley to be killed. Harry Egan was the other, although there were three others from the vicinity, Russell Vinson, Edward Montgomery and "Kenny" Svendsen, that have been killed in action.

### 50 YEARS Ago - 1969

• Nov. 27, 1969 - Sue Kay Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Miller, was crowned as the 1969 Sweetheart of the Staples Chapter of the Future Farmers of America last Friday evening as part of the concluding ceremonies on the program of the ninth annual "Farmers Night on the Town," which was under the sponsorship of the Staples Chamber of Commerce.

• Nov. 27, 1969 - Heavy damage was reported as fire swept through the Ivan Voeltz farm home, located about 7 miles southwest of Staples shortly before noon Nov. 19. According to the reports, the fire was

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## Data helps teachers set educational goals

semester.

On NWEA tests, Staples-Motley students were above average in individual growth projections, with 59 percent of students meeting their expected growth, one of the highest rates in the area, said Ferdon.

The school is very close to the state average on the ACT test, usually taken by juniors and seniors who are planning to attend four year colleges.

The school's graduation rate is above the state average, with 92 percent of students graduating

noticed by Manuel Voeltz, a brother, who saw smoke at the residence when returning from his classes at the Staple Area Vocational School. He immediately turned in the fire alarm. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Voeltz reside in Minneapolis, where Mr. Voeltz is employed and they had moved most of their furniture and personal belongings to that city, however, some were left at the farm home.

• Nov. 27, 1969 - Showing at the Staples Theatre this week: Nov. 26, 27, 28 and 29, 'Elvis '69 - The Trouble with Girls (and how to get into it)'; and Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, and 3, 'Doctor Zhivago,' Winner of 6 Academy Awards! A free matinee showing of 'Flipper' will be held Saturday and 2 p.m.

### 25 YEARS Ago - 1994

• Nov. 24, 1994 - A Staples man died following an apparent explosion Friday afternoon in his shop just southwest of Staples. Michael Kobliska, 43, suffered severe burns over 90 percent of his body as he worked alone in the shop. He was airlifted to the Hennepin County Medical Center's burn unit Friday night, but died the following morning. Kobliska operated Staples Construction Company, and he was doing repairs on a truck at the time of the accident.

• Nov. 24, 1994 - A Motley man began serving an eight month jail sentence for his role in the death of a 17-year-old Hewitt boy last May. Jack Prosper Olson, 55, was sentenced on criminal vehicular homicide charges by Judge Timothy Baland in Wadena County District Court on Nov. 10. He had pleaded guilty.

• Nov. 24, 1994 - Strong winds were the main weather pattern in the Staples area last Friday and again on Monday. Gusts of up to 70 miles an hour struck the area, causing the loss of a cover strip on the roof of the new Offutt Potato Company warehouse.

### 10 YEARS Ago - 2009

• Nov. 19, 2009 - A large Wing River Township dairy operation, in the midst of a major transition effort, had several large barns either destroyed or damaged by a fire Thursday, Nov. 12. The fire at the Schoon farms, approximately five miles north of Verndale, was reported just after 11:30 p.m., according to the Wadena County Sheriff's Office. The Verndale Fire Department responded and was on the scene within a few minutes.

• Nov. 19, 2009 - Work on the Staples Northern Pacific Depot roof renovation is virtually finished, with gutters and downspouts being installed this week, a project that should



## Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Nov. 6, 1969 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

conclude the roof repair work. The project was spearheaded by the Staples Historical Society.

• Nov. 19, 2009 - The Motley Fire Department's brand new #3 truck has recently arrived. It replaces the old #3 truck which was purchased in 1979. The MFD also hopes to be purchasing a used grass rig in the near future as well.

• Nov. 19, 2009 - Eighth-grader Jaelin Beachy will

take on some of Minnesota's finest Class A swimmers at the state Swim Meet which begins Nov. 19, at the University of Minnesota. Beachy will be competing in the 100 yard breaststroke; in heat one of four in the preliminaries scheduled Nov. 20. "It's great to have someone qualify for this meet," said coach Bruce Onischuk. "It has been a few years since we have been down there."



## The answer from last week

Last week's mystery photo published in the Nov. 13, 1969 edition of the Staples World featured coaches and members of the Cardinal Wrestling squad at Staples High School going over the initial instructions for the start of practices that week. Pictured, front row from left, are Coach Don Dravis; his two co-captains, Tom Goeden and Larry Kern; and assistant coach, Greg Leifermann. In the back row are other senior members of the squad: Don Niemi, Bill Lenk and Russ Ellenbaum. Absent was senior Chuck Huff.

Steve R. Hoemberg of Staples identified all correctly. He noted that he was a classmate of the wrestlers and that they all graduated in 1970. Fellow 1970 SHS graduates Jan (Greenwaldt) Jares of Aldrich and Mark Blessing of Staples, SHS Class of 1971. Greg Leifermann responded from Florida, correctly identifying all and noted Kern's nickname of 'Boze.' Kyra Ladd of Staples correctly identified Don Dravis and Greg Leifermann; and Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified all but one. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

across grade levels and from year to year.

Ferdon said "That's where data helps us see where there are some of the gaps."

With all of the data accumulated by the school, Ferdon said the long term trends are the best way to discover what the school needs to work on. "We dig through data, talk about it and see where we can make an impact," said Ferdon.

Ferdon said some of the complications to assessing the school's test scores are the high poverty and special education rates of stu-

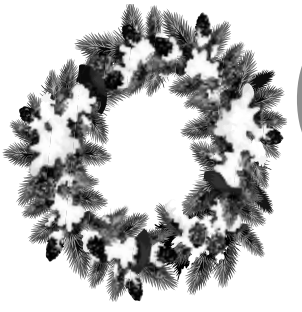
dents in the district. She said the poverty level is approximately 52 percent and special education students make up 21 percent of the student population. But the teaching staff does not use that as an excuse. "We find root causes and can only control what we can control," she said.

The school is not always able to find a reason why some classes achieve predicted growth and others don't. "It's an ongoing conundrum, it doesn't always have a reason," said Ferdon.

## Wreaths for Evergreen Hill

The 2019 Cemetery fundraiser is underway...  
Wreaths are \$25.

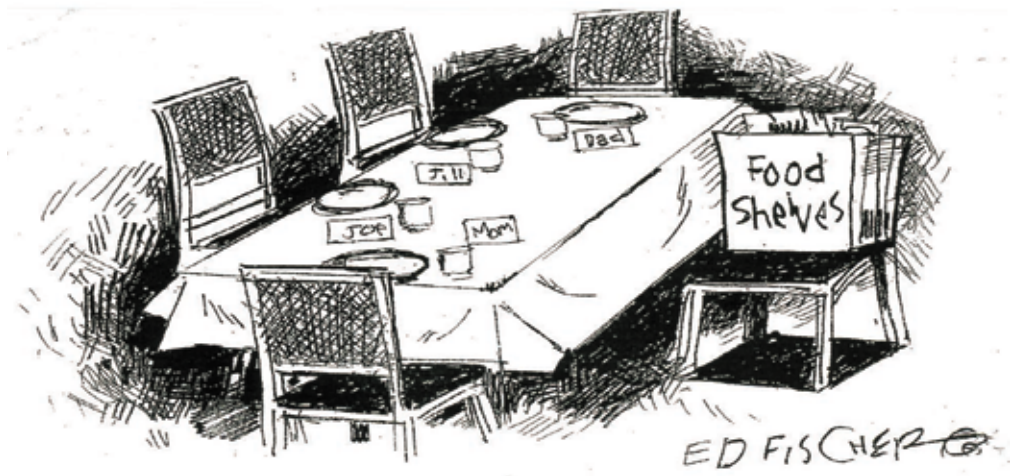
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## Are county fairs still relevant?

By Julie Tesch  
President, Center for Rural Policy and Development

Are county fairs a thing of the past? Ferris wheel. The weather is hot and steamy in Minnesota, so that must mean it's county fair time. Growing up, the county fair was my favorite place on earth. It was the place where I got to see my friends, who I hadn't seen since school let out, ride some rides at the carnival, listen to music, eat different foods and show my 4-H projects. Boy, did I love the county fair. The smell of cotton candy and deep-fried food gives me nostalgic memories of beautiful summer days from long ago.

Recently, I've heard people discuss if there is a need for county fairs anymore. We live in a mobile society where we can see the best food, the best places on earth and can live vicariously through other people's lives on Instagram. Why do we even bother with this once-per-year gathering? It's irrelevant.

But is it?

I tend to disagree. I think county fairs are more relevant than ever before. We are lacking a sense of community in this tech-savvy age. What better place to support your local community than through shared experiences, food and entertainment?

County fairs have a prominent place throughout Minnesota's history and serve as a catalyst for continuing local traditions and connecting community members. The reunion culture surrounding county fairs unites both families and distant community members. Many families are eager to maintain the tradition of going to the county fair with their children, as they did with their parents before. If county fairs went away, the community would lose part of their heritage and identity.

County fairs have a positive economic impact on the community, too. A majority of the vendors are local entrepreneurs, so being part of the county fair is prime time for advertising and selling their wares. It's a perfect way to shop local.

The food vendors at county fairs continue to expand and change. As a kid, the biggest highlight was eating a Pronto pup and cheese curds. All that ooey, gooey cheese in a

paper boat just made me happy. Actually, not much has changed. I still hear those cheese curds calling my name, and a Pronto pup is a traditional must-have every year. And as our communities change, so do our food offerings. I'm hoping that as new populations move into rural Minnesota, we see more diverse food booths. Food is a great way to bring people together and learn about each other. I bet you can find some Instagram-worthy food at the county fair.

County fairs are also a great way to support our local organizations. For several community organizations, the county fair is their main fundraiser of the year. At my county fair I can enjoy a hot beef sandwich to support the American Legion, have a basket of delicious onion rings at the local fire department, then top it off with a strawberry shake from the county dairy association. All these purchases support these organizations that give back to our communities. If all I have to do is eat to support my community, then count me in.

Then there's the friendly competition. Another highlight of the county fair is visiting the exhibit buildings, where you can see community members vie for an array of ribbons for their baking, canning, artwork, photography and more. But as you look around the exhibit buildings, the number of entries are getting fewer and fewer. Honestly, entries should be at an all-time high because of Pinterest. On Pinterest you can find all of the best recipes, crafts, ways to do photography and thousands of other things. It should be relatively easy to find ideas to exhibit in Open Class exhibitions, yet the numbers are declining. Why?

I think the vast majority of the public is unaware of the opportunities to compete at the county fair. For the past hundred years, the county fair was where people showed their skills off to their neighbors, whether it was canning or baking, woodworking or photography. If you received a blue ribbon, or better yet, a purple rosette, you could claim to be the best baker or woodworker in the county. Sure, you can show your stuff off online, where it's just you and 4 billion of your closest friends. You have to admit, there's really no substitute

for seeing things live. Let's bring that back. Friendly competition is good, and I don't care how old you are, seeing your work on display for the public makes you feel good, ribbon or not. Also, it's fun seeing what other people in the community are up to during those long, winter days in Minnesota.

My best memories at the county fair came from showing my dairy animals. A lot of hard work went into preparing those animals for show, but it all paid off by being at the fair with my friends. One of my favorite memories was when my cow, Joni, unexpectedly had her calf at the fair. The barn and the fairgrounds were abuzz because of the new calf, so we had a naming contest and were able to show the public how we care for our animals. Sure, not as many youth are showing livestock for 4-H or FFA now, but the need to learn where our food, fiber & fuel comes from is at an all-time high. The disconnect around where our food comes from is a reality in both urban and rural areas. The county fair might be the only time that both kids and adults can see cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, rabbits and goats. It's a great opportunity for hands-on learning for kids and adults of all ages.

4-H has the reputation for being a farm-kid organization. While that is the organization's heritage, 4-H is for every kid in rural, suburban and urban areas. Yes, some of my best memories were made in a cattle barn with my friends, but I've also watched kids without livestock projects have just as much fun at the county fair. They may be showing their friends and family their science exhibits in the 4-H building, participating in their Arts-In program or volunteering in the 4-H food stand. That sense of community is on display and the 4-H motto of "learning by doing" is in full force.

So, take some time this summer to check out your local county fair and see your neighbors. Take some Instagram-worthy photos and find those next Pinterest ideas that you can bring next year as you stroll the fairgrounds. You will be contributing to the sense of community that is often lacking in this crazy world and realize that county fairs are more relevant than ever before.

## CGMC: large public works bill needed

From the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

City leaders from Greater Minnesota are calling on Governor Tim Walz and legislators to pass a large public works package that invests at least \$1.5 billion in infrastructure needs throughout the state.

That message was the main theme that emerged from the recent CGMC Fall Conference, which was attended by more than 115 elected officials and city staff members from across Greater Minnesota. At the annual two-day event, CGMC members adopted the organization's policy positions and discussed legislative priorities for the upcoming session.

"The success or failure of the 2020 legislative session depends on the passage of a large bonding bill that meets the needs of our communities," said Audrey Nelsen, a member of the Willmar City Council and president of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC).

In addition to local projects for individual communities, Nelsen said there

are several important statewide programs and initiatives that should be funded through the bonding bill. The most pressing need, she said, is funding for clean water infrastructure grant and loan programs administered through the Public Facilities Authority (PFA). The PFA programs help cities pay for repairs and upgrades to their water treatment facilities — without these state programs, the costs would fall solely on local homeowners and businesses.

"The building block of any bonding bill should be \$200 million in funding for clean water infrastructure," Nelsen said. "Cities are facing massive costs to fix aging plants and keep up with new water quality regulations. State funding through the bonding bill is absolutely vital."

City leaders said that other important priorities for Greater Minnesota that should be addressed through the 2020 bonding bill include funding for child care facilities, local roads, public infrastructure to support housing needs and additional money for the Greater Min-

nesota Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) program, which provides grants to help cities pay for infrastructure needed to help spur private business growth.

The Legislature and Gov. Walz have been busy this fall touring potential projects, which Nelsen said is a positive sign that lawmakers are eager to get to work on a bonding bill when they reconvene in February. However, she noted that one of the biggest hurdles might be convincing lawmakers to pass a bill that is big enough to make an impact.

"The state can afford to pass a sizable bonding bill," Nelsen said, noting that the state's debt capacity currently exceeds \$3 billion. "Now is the time to invest in important projects that will make critical improvements and create jobs all across Minnesota."

The Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing 100 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area.



## Rural America: the new inner city?

By Heather Chapman  
The Rural Blog

At Fortune magazine's Most Powerful Women Summit in Washington, D.C., two CEOs of iconic Midwestern companies spoke about why improving the quality of life in rural America is the best way to alleviate the struggles of the farming sector of the economy, Hadley Hitson reports for the magazine.

"Rural America is the new inner city; we have to be clear about that," said Land O'Lakes CEO Beth Ford, perhaps recalling a series of stories that The Wall Street Journal did almost two and a half years ago.

"We probably have 4,000 to 5,000 retail outlets in rural communities," Ford said, "so the question is: can we use those platforms to solve bigger problems in the community?"

"She thinks the answer is yes," Hitson reports. "Ford said a majority of her focus now is going toward promoting broadband accessibility for rural America in order to bolster economic development and social equity. Ford is also working to help her farmers obtain affordable healthcare. She said they have enough issues to worry about and healthcare should not be one of them." And because Land O'Lakes is a farmer-owned dairy cooperative, Ford

said helping rural America helps her company."

Denise Johnson, a group president of Caterpillar Inc., agreed with Ford and said helping rural communities is critical, since the people who work for the company are its lifeblood, Hitson reports.

Ford and Johnson both work for companies that have boom-and-bust cycles, so both say they're always looking for ways to innovate, and both say they're struggling to attract more women. "While women comprise just over 36 percent of the agricultural labor force in the United States today, Johnson is hopeful that number will continue growing," Hitson reports.

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## Community Christmas Concert in Staples, Saturday, December 7

Choirs unite to present 'Frostiana' (Seven Country Songs)

Let your Christmas celebration begin with a journey down the road that will make all the difference, taking you to Staples, Minnesota. It's that time of year again, time to pull out our calendars and add "7 p.m. Community Christmas Concert" on Saturday, December 7, 2019.

This has been the kick-off to the Christmas concert season in the area for many, many years now, a Staples Area musical tradition. For those new to the community or visiting us for this event specifically, the Community Christmas Concert brings themed music with excitement and the magic of Christmas to our ears and hearts. This year will be no different, with the performance of Frostiana (Seven Country Songs) from the poems of Robert Frost. American composer Randall Thompson set seven of Frost's poems to music in 1959 as part of a commission to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the town of Amherst. Frost himself was there for the premiere, delighted to hear the music echoing the elements of his poetry. Frost is well known for metaphorical meaning in his poetry, and the element of music adds dimensions to the music that the poet and the musician both



### Continuing the Christmas tradition

The Staples Area Men's Chorus, Staples Area Women's Chorus and the Staples-Motley High School A Cappella Choir will combine their voices to perform American Composer Randall Thompson's 'Frostiana' (Seven Country Songs) based on the poems of Robert

will love to identify, such as the flutelike thrush in Come In, for example.

Concert committee member Cindy Gold said of the event, "The Concert event will utilize mixed media of photography, visual art and music to create a new experience for the participants and audience as they listen to Frostiana. Frostiana was composed by Randall Thompson who selected seven Robert Frost poems and constructed a seven-movement suite of choral art. The Committee's goal is to bring the experience of choral art to life for our community."

Staples Area Men's

Chorus Director Steve Hoemberg added, "Two of the movements are for men's voices only, two of the movements for women's voices only, and three are for the mixed chorus, making it the perfect piece for the collaboration of the established ensembles and resources unique to our community choral ensembles. The beauty and popularity of the poetry make the work an excellent inspiration for other mixed media and artistic showcases. And, of course, the inherent benefit and beauty of mixing the youthful energy of high school voices with the experience of our adult

Frost. The Community Christmas Concert event will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Directors for the event include Steve Hoemberg and Nathan Thelen. (Submitted photo)

ensembles."

The concert will be performed by the Staples Area Men's Chorus under the direction of Steve Hoemberg, the Staples Area Women's Chorus and the Staples-Motley High School A Cappella Choir, both directed by Nathan Thelen. The performance will be held at the Centennial Auditorium, 401 Centennial Drive, in Staples.

Seating is limited so advance ticket sales are suggested. Tickets are available online at [www.staplesmen.org](http://www.staplesmen.org) or for purchase at Markus Hair Design, Motley; Nelson Insurance Agency or Timberlake Hotel, Staples.

Remaining tickets will be sold at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.

*"I shall be telling this with a sigh*

*Somewhere ages and ages hence:*

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—*

*I took the one less traveled by,*

*And that has made all the difference."*

(Excerpt from Robert Frost's *The Road Not Taken*)

This concert is made possible in part by the support of the Five Wings Arts Council and generous contributions of area business and community members.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m., at the Staples Church of Christ.

The main speaker will be Pastor Donald Reigstad from Lincoln Evangelical Free Church.

This event is sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Ministerial Association.

An offering will be received for CARE Ministry. The church is located at 27343 490th St. in Staples. Coffee and goodies will be served after the service. All are welcome.

## Mark Your Calendar

### November 20

**BRainerd Chapter #738 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES MTG** Wed., Nov. 20, Family Restaurant (Holiday Inn). Social time, 11:30 a.m.; lunch at noon. Presentation by John Erickson, history of the Brainerd schools.

### November 22

**AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR PERFORMING THEIR 'JUST AS I AM' PROGRAM** Friday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

### November 25

**BOSOM BUDDIES BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MTG** Monday, Nov. 25, Lakewood Health System Care Center activities rm., 5 p.m. Come at 4:30 p.m. to visit and eat in the cafeteria. Guest speaker is Shane Tappe, SM Schools Superintendent. All breast cancer survivors invited. For info., 218-894-2627.

## The Schimpps & the Timbs to perform Christmas concert in Staples December 1



### Home for Christmas

The Schimpps & The Timbs will present an afternoon of Christmas music at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Heather Thompson, Andrea Carlson, Dawn and Gary Timbs; and Carmen and Gary Schimpp. This concert is underwritten by Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank of Wadena, Long Prairie and Staples.

Southern-born piano man Gary Timbs, joined by the family harmonies of The Schimpps, will present a Christmas concert at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m., as part of the Staples Motley Area Arts Council's regular season.

Guest musicians at the concert will include John Koopmann on trumpet; Sarah (Koopmann) Adair on violin; and Bob Anderson on acoustic bass.

Originally from Atlanta, Gary's "Southern-fried" piano playing and rich baritone voice have been nominated for both Grammy and Dove awards. He has performed and recorded as a solo artist; and with various country and gospel groups, including the legendary Statesmen Quartet and Country Music Hall of Fame's Sonny James. Gary now makes his home in Staples, along with his wife, Dawn (Schimpp) Timbs.

The Schimpps have roots in Staples and have been singing for years throughout the Midwest, offering their unique blend

of gospel, country and folk music. They've performed at churches, festivals and fairs; recorded CD's; and were runners-up at the Minnesota State Fair's talent contest one year, taking second to a gospel choir led by powerhouse singer Robert Robinson.

Together, the Schimpps & the Timbs will present an afternoon of Christmas music in Staples that will include a number of well-known songs of the season, drawing on influences from both Southern roots music and the north country.

For more information, check out the arts council's website at [www.staplesmotleyarts.org](http://www.staplesmotleyarts.org)

Tickets for The Schimpps & the Timbs concert are available online at the arts council's website; or purchase them by cash or check at the Staples World office, located at 224 4th St. NE in Staples; and at First International Bank and Trust, located at 96 Hwy 10 South in Motley. They may also be purchased at the door one hour prior to the performance.

## Donations sought for book sale

The Friends of the Staples Public Library are seeking donations for their annual used book sale. Donations of clean, in good condition books will be accepted prior to the book sale. No school books, dictionaries, encyclopedias or religious books will be accepted.

The sale will be Friday, Nov. 22, from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the library building in the city council chambers.

All proceeds go to support the Staples Public Library.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St. NE Staples and the library hours are; Mon., 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue., 2-8 p.m., Weds., 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs., 2-8 p.m., Fri., 1-5 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Cardinal Calendar SM school events

### November

- **MS STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS** Nov. 21, 8 a.m.
- **THANKSGIVING BREAK** Nov. 28-29, No school.

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to [www.isd2170.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd2170.k12.mn.us) for up to the minute information.

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**Staples Lions Annual Christmas Wreath Sale**

**Monday, Nov. 25**

**Lions' Christmas Wreath: \$20 each**

Business sales begin at 9:30 a.m.

Door-to-Door sales begin at 5:30 p.m.

All proceeds are for Lions' projects.

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- \*Community Center Luncheon
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- \*Bingo at Lakewood Health System Home
- \*Birthdays Party at LHS Home
- \*Chamber Member
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If you are not home when the Lions come on Monday night, wreaths may be purchased at Williams Floral and Nursery, Staples.

**The Schimpps and the Timbs Christmas Concert**

**Sunday, December 1st 2 p.m.**

**Centennial Auditorium, Staples**

Joining The Schimpps and the Timbs will be John Koopmann on trumpet, Sarah (Koopmann) Adair on violin and Bob Anderson on acoustic bass.

Presented by: Staples Motley Area Arts Council

Enjoy an afternoon of Christmas music with Southern-born piano man Gary Timbs joined by the family harmonies of The Schimpps

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Tickets can also be purchased at the Staples World Newspaper (224 4th St. NE, Staples); First International Bank and Trust (96 Highway 10 South, Motley) and at the door one hour prior to performance.

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# Schmidt, Klefsaas, DeMars, Strickland lead Cardinals in FB stats

The 2019 Staples-Motley football statistics were released at their banquet Nov. 14. The Cardinals finished with a 7-3 record.

Team statistics: 2,614 total yards gained (opponents 2,116)

2,071 rushing yards (opponents 1,567)

Rushing yards per game: 207.1

543 passing yards (opponents 549)

3rd down conversions: 30.85% (opponents 25.81%)

4th down conversions: 48.65% (opponents 37.5%)

First downs 137 (opponents 101)

Turnovers 15 (opponents 19)

Sacks 12 (opponents 4)  
Individual statistical leaders:

Rushing: Sivert Klefsaas 111 carries for 895 yards, 13 touchdowns; Garrett Carlson 109-613, 6 TDs; Cade Schmidt 117-446, 7 TDs, Tristan Helstrom 17-44, 1 TD

Passing: Max Strickland 50 for 89 (56.18%), 435 yards, 2 TD, 7 int.

Receiving: Klefsaas 10-154; Izaiah DeMars 14-130, 2 TD; Schmidt 16-72, 1 TD

Kickoff returns: Klefsaas 10-218, Schmidt 1-87, 1 TD, Carlson 4-35

Punt returns: Carlson 10-132, Klefsaas 4-62

Defensive statistics:

Schmidt 109 tackles (38 solo, 71 assists), Logen Weite 61, Alex Giza 51, Sam Opheim 45, Ryan Wick 38, DeMars 35, Issac Kronenberg 32, Cole Winkels 26, Emmitt Winkels 25, Klefsaas 21, Carlson 12, Strickland 11, Dominic Gomez 10

Tackles for loss: Opheim 7, Kronenberg 4, Weite 4, Giza 4, C. Winkels 3, Schmidt 3

Sacks: Kronenberg 3, Wick 2, Opheim 2, Giza 2, Weite 1, C. Winkels 1

Interceptions: DeMars 3, Strickland 2, Dayton Anderson 1



## Staples-Motley football awards

At the Staples-Motley football banquet, the following players were given awards: from left, Izaiah DeMars, team Most Improved; Sivert Klefsaas, Back of the Year, All Section nominee, All District nominee; Ryan Wick, Lineman of the Year, All Section nominee, All

District nominee; Cade Schmidt, team MVP, All Section nominee, All District nominee, All District Linebacker of the Year, 2019 All Star team member; Issac Kronenberg, Team Spirit award, All Section nominee, All District nominee. (Submitted photo)



## Schmidt in state all-star game

Cade Schmidt was selected to play in the Minnesota Football Showcase on Saturday, Dec 7, at U.S. Bank Stadium, home field of the Minnesota Vikings. Kickoff will be at 1:05 p.m. As a running back for the Staples-Motley team, Schmidt gained 446 yards on the ground and scored eight touchdowns, and was the lead blocker on most of the other running plays, helping the team to gain more than 1,000 yards. As a linebacker on defense, he was the team's leading tackler with 109 tackles.

The 47th Minnesota High School All Star Game will also include a youth clinic, Vikings legends and current players, and performances from high school marching bands, cheer and dance teams.



## Big buck harvest

Dad Joshua Winter, Staples, harvested a 15-point buck opening day, pictured with his son, Joshua (JJ) Winter. (Submitted photo)



## Happy deer hunter

Sam Robben, Staples harvested a 13-point buck on Nov. 11, one of the coldest days of deer hunting. Sam had built a new deer stand and had put it up at his grandparents farm south of Staples. On this particular day he got off work early and headed right out to his stand, not wanting to waste time going home to change. As the story goes, the ideal buck walked out of the woods at 4:30 p.m. stood almost broad side, looking right at Sam at 40 yards. "I am so thankful that I made a good shot and harvested the monster buck," he said. The buck was 14 points but one was broken off. (Submitted photo)



# Charlie Brown and the 2019 Minnesota duck season

One of the most iconic characters in comic strip history is "good 'ol Charlie Brown," the flawed hero of the Peanuts comic strip, drawn and penned by the late Minnesota native Charles Schultz. There are a handful of other lovable characters in this comic strip—which has morphed into made-for-TV features, b o o k s ,

greeting cards, and other syndicated profit-makers—but Charlie Brown is the pivotal character, and certainly the one whose travails we've most consistently shared.

One of Charlie Brown's most memorable travails—repeated every autumn—is his ill-fated attempts to place-kick a football; held—in theory, anyway—by his frequent nemesis Lucy. As most will remember, time and time again Lucy would jerk the ball away just as Charlie Brown was putting his leg into it. He would end up flat on his back, as Lucy once again broke her promise to hold the ball until he kicked it.

That's an outcome many Minnesota duck hunters can identify with, having seen another season that was 60 days long on paper, but came to a premature end. A duck season cut short—at least in the northern part of the state—by the vanguard of winter. Here, in the days just before Halloween, many shallow lakes, wetlands, and woodland ponds congealed into ice and signaled to most waterfowl that it was time

to begin their southward migration.

There are still a handful of days remaining in the 2019 duck season. More in Central and Southern Minnesota, for they have split seasons, closed briefly in early October in exchange for more days in late November and early December. There are still some ducks to be had, mostly late migrants like goldeneyes, buffleheads, and mergansers, which congregate on the larger "fish lakes," and on open stretches of rivers. Intrepid duck hunters equipped to handle wintry weather and big water—or who hunt crop fields—still have a few lingering opportunities.

But the majority of Minnesota waters where duck hunting happens are capped with ice, a phenomenon that began in the last days of October in the northern part of the state. Briefly moderating temperatures, and the force of wind and waves, may have reopened some that were frozen. But when they froze they sent an unmistakable signal to most migratory waterfowl that it was time to move on.

Locally-bred ducks and geese are often the last to leave. They linger because—for them—migration means leaving their most familiar surroundings, the closest thing to "home" that a migratory creature knows. But for birds that are just passing through, the shallow waters where they fed on wild rice, duck potato, and other favored waterfowl foods were only of value until they froze. Once that happens, survival is best served by birds continuing on toward their ultimate wintering destinations in such places as the Gulf of Mexico, or the Eastern

Seaboard. Most northern hunters who were dealt this early freeze little more than five weeks into the season will wait another year for their next opportunities.

My hunting partner and I were unpleasantly reminded of just how unpredictable Minnesota's autumn weather can be. We, too, were victims of this year's early freeze-up. We make an annual late season pilgrimage to a favorite National Wildlife Refuge that is open to waterfowl hunting, typically in late October. We hope to catch a high point in diving duck migration, which in many years means ringnecks—"ringbills," as they're more often called—and redheads, with the occasional mallard, canvasback, or blue-bill for good measure.

This year we both had the conflict of grandfatherly obligations, and—as the best available option—booked the first several days of November, a week before the firearms deer hunting opener. We stay at a small mom-and-pop resort whose summer clientele consists heavily of fishermen who come to unwind and hopefully catch a few fish, and don't aspire to deluxe accommodations or amenities. Nor do we.

We meet early the first morning of the expedition at my home, drive the hour and a half to the resort, stow our gear in the cabin and hunt the afternoon and evening. Early morning arising for the morning flight happens on the days to come. Or, sometimes we'll get lazy—or as a concession to age—sleep in, and hunt the afternoon instead.

The first hints that something might be amiss on our drive north were the unusually large sloughs

we passed that were iced-over completely. But we remained confident that—because the lakes we hunt are larger—they might be ice-rimmed around the edges, but would still be open. The week before, we had had nighttime temperatures in the high teens and twenties for several nights where I live, and the smaller ponds had frozen. But the waters where we hunt would be different, we were certain.

But they weren't. We drove onto the refuge and began passing lakes that simply couldn't be ice-covered; yet they were. One by one, we navigated over the refuge's gravel roads to the landings where so many times we had pushed off in our hunting craft in the chill and darkness of early mornings. Sometimes we broke ice getting to open water. This time we saw it would be different. At all our favored jumping-off points, ice stretched from shore to shore.

Back at the resort, the owners told us that they'd considered calling us with a warning of what we might find. For fear of water pipes bursting, they had drained all their water lines and closed all the cabins but ours. To make a long story short, our hunting expedition turned into a scouting trip for future seasons, and a road trip to destinations of other years, where we hunted ruffed grouse and woodcock, as well as ducks.

Although we didn't fire shot at a duck in those three days, we wouldn't have changed the script to stay home. Wouldn't have given up the escape from the everyday that trips like this always seem to deliver. And, like Charlie Brown, we'll still believe in next time.

## Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn



Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Jessica and Jeremy Rooney of Breezy Point, a baby boy, William Dean weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on November 9, 2019.

Born to Jessy Allord and Logan LeDoux of Brainerd, a baby girl, MaeLee Clairelene weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on November 12, 2019.

Born to Breena and Daniel Clayton of Baxter, a baby boy, Hudson Roy weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on November 13, 2019.

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2019. Born to Shelby and Jacob Trosen of Wadena, a baby girl, Amora Raylynn weighing eight pounds, on November 14, 2019.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Born to Jacquelyn Allen and Randy Shequen of Verndale, a baby girl, Lilya Rose Shequen, weighing seven pounds, three ounces on November 13, 2019. Siblings are Otto, Dylan, Jayla and Taija. Grandparents are Scott and Gala, Bridget and Elliot and Jill.

Thank you... for reading the Staples World



Boolloween fun

The JCI Staples Chapter held its annual Boolloween event Oct. 26, at the Wadena Lanes & Pro Shop in Wadena. More than 125 children and parents attended the event and participated in a number of activities including a costume contest, bowling and pumpkin coloring, as well as enjoyed Halloween candy. Pictured above left, Alexis Odden of Staples works on decorating a pumpkin. Above right, Meredith Hoemberg of Staples, pictured with the pumpkin she colored, was one of the costume contest winners. She was dressed as Cleopatra. The JCI Staples is a volunteer organization and they expressed their gratitude to all who made this event a success. For more information about the Jaycees, call Samantha Krause at 507-766-0238. (Submitted photos)

Veteran's News

David A Anderson Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently revised its directives permitting religious literature, symbols and displays at VA facilities to protect religious liberty for veterans and families while ensuring inclusivity and nondiscrimination. The move aims to simplify and clarify the department's policies governing religious symbols and spiritual and pastoral care, which have been interpreted inconsistently at various VA facilities in recent years, resulting in unfortunate incidents that interrupted certain displays. Effective July 3, 2019

these changes will help ensure that patrons within VA have access to religious literature and symbols at chapels as requested and protect representations of faith in publicly accessible displays at facilities throughout the department. "We want to make sure that all of our veterans and their families feel welcome at VA, no matter their religious beliefs. Protecting religious liberty is a key part of how we accomplish that goal," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "These important changes will bring simplicity and clarity to our policies governing religious and spiritual symbols, helping ensure we are consistently complying with the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution at thousands of facilities across the department."

The new policies will:

- Allow the inclusion in appropriate circumstances of religious content in publicly accessible displays at VA facilities.

- Allow patients and their guests to request and be provided religious literature, symbols and sacred texts during visits to VA chapels and during their treatment at VA.

- Allow VA to accept donations of religious literature, cards and symbols at its facilities and distribute them to VA patrons under appropriate circumstances or to a patron who requests them.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently reaffirmed the important role religion plays in the lives of many Americans and its consistency with Constitutional principles. This includes the following values: a display that follows in the longstanding tradition of monuments, symbols and practices; respect and tolerance of differing views; and endeavors to achieve inclusivity and nondiscrimination. (Source: VA News Release July 3, 2019)

See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.

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James Adamietz

Funeral services were held for James Allen Adamietz, age 73, of Henning, November 13, 2019 at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Henning, with Fr. LeRoy Schik officiating. Pallbearers were Ronald Adamietz, Richard Adamietz, Jacob Ellenbaum, Luke Ellenbaum, Daniel Ellenbaum and Roger Wayne Huelsnitz, Jr.

James was laid to rest at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

James Adamietz was born February 28, 1946 to the late Frances and Theresa (Kilanowski) Adamietz in Bertha. His formal education included graduating from Staples High School with the class of 1964. James attended Staples Vocational Technology College for two years earning a degree in diesel mechanics. He joined the United States Army and proudly served his country from 1966 to 1972.

James was united in marriage to Bernadette LaFond on May 31, 1969. This marriage was blessed with one child. Bernadette passed away in 1989. James was united in marriage to Catherine Prescott on August 3, 1996. This marriage was also blessed to include Catherine's four sons.

James operated a dairy farm and truly enjoyed his land. He loved to make things, earning the title, "The MacGyver of the Northwoods" and could fix anything, except a "broken heart" and the "crack of dawn". Loving the outdoors, he hunted, fished and enjoyed watching wildlife, especially "Minnesota Monkeys" (squirrels). Putting up Christmas lights and using his chainsaw were activities James cherished as well.

James reflected love for his country and community in many ways. He was a committed member of the DFL party, served as an officer for Girard Township and Sergeant At Arms for the Minnesota State Senate. James had a passion for politics and considered

himself a "grassroots politician". Above all, James was a devoted Catholic.

On November 9, 2019, James entered the glory of heaven while under the care of Lakewood Health System, Staples surrounded by his loving wife and family.

James will be forever remembered and missed by his wife, Catherine Prescott-Adamietz; son, Matthew (Kristina) Adamietz, Browerville; step-sons, Jacob Ellenbaum, Moorhead; Luke (Kelli) Ellenbaum, Bismarck, ND; Daniel (Mandi) Ellenbaum, Rochester; Roger Wayne (Camille) Huelsnitz, Jr., Queens, NY; brothers, Richard (Dawn) Adamietz, Motley; Ronald (Michelle) Adamietz, Cushing; sisters, Margaret (Bob) Tepley, Motley; Rita (Tom) Esterl, Savage, Janet (Tim) Shea, Monticello; Bonnie (Donn) Milbrandt, Becker; Carol (Ron) Peterson, Savage; grandchildren: Jack Adamietz, Ben, Nate, Kalena, Bo, Campbell, Cannon, Emerie, Evie and Quincy Ellenbaum; many other relatives and a host of friends.

Preceding James in death are his parents, Frances and Theresa Adamietz; stillborn brother; first wife, Bernadette LaFond Adamietz; brother-in-law, David Tepley.

Visit [www.karvonen-funeralhome.com](http://www.karvonen-funeralhome.com) to send James' family a message of comfort and support.

Arrangements provided by Belmont-Karvonen Funeral and Cremation Service of Henning.

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## Obituaries

### Walter Sowers



Walter (Walt) M. Sowers, 84, of Leader, died November 13 at the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center with his loving family at his side.

Services were held Nov. 19, at Faith Lutheran Church, Staples.

Interment will be at the Poplar Cemetery, Leader.

Walt was born April 12, 1935 in Wadena, to Richard and Louise (Wiebesick) Sowers. He was raised on the third generation family farm in Poplar Township,

Cass County, near Leader. He attended Crescent Country School and graduated from Staples High School in 1953. He was united in marriage with Lucille Johnson on October 26, 1954 in Wadena. He served apprenticeships as a machinist and as an electrician. He worked construction for Bechtel Corporation both on the Iron Range and in Monticello. He returned to the Leader Area, when he bought the family farm in 1962, making it a fourth generation family farm and began working as a machinist with 3M in Staples, as one of three “first hires” at the new plant. He retired from 3M at age 58 and continued farming into his early 70’s. They primarily raised beef and were known for their Polled Herefords. Walt and Lucille were named University of Minnesota’s Cass County Farm Family

of the Year in 2011. Lucille died on March 7, 2018.

Walt and Lucille loved woodworking in their outdoor workshop. He and Lucille were also very active in their community. Walt was a Poplar 4-H Club Adult Leader; Charter President of the Leader Area Lions Club; served as a Zone Chair, Zone Chair Advisor, Environmental Co-Chair and earned the Melvin Jones Fellow award. Walt served as a MN DNR Fire Warden for over 50 years, on the Poplar Township Board for over 42 years and as a gun safety instructor for over 30 years. He initiated and was also involved with building the addition on the Leader Community Hall and helped organize the Crow Wing County River Basin Forage Council.

Walt is survived by five sons and one daughter: Charles (Carol) Sowers of

Baxter, Robert (Candyce) Sowers of Benson, David (Kathy) Sowers of Minneapolis, Lynda (Alfred) Gavlovsky of Bemidji, Philip (Karol) Sowers of Duluth, Allen (Barbara) Sowers of Minneapolis; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Phyllis Neitzert of Grand Junction, CO, Edith (Dwight) Dobson of Bluffton and Anita (Reuben) Schultz of Frazee; and one brother, Richard (Joyce) Sowers of Becker.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Evelyn; one step-brother, Steven and his loving wife of 63 years, Lucille.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples. [www.brenny.com](http://www.brenny.com).

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### Donna Miller

Donna Miller, 85, of Staples, passed away on November 12, 2019, at the Lakewood Health System in Staples.

A Celebration of Life for Donna will be held Thurs., Nov. 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Iten Funeral Home in Browerville. A time of sharing will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will take place at the Germania Moran Cemetery at a later date.

Donna was born at home on June 7, 1934, in Lincoln to Fred and Mable (Penn) Smith. She attended school in Motley. She married Carroll Miller on June 23, 1951 in Little Falls. Together they worked on their dairy farm. Donna drove school bus for 25 years, retiring in 1996. The couple enjoyed traveling in retirement, including some fishing trips to Canada. She was also an accomplished bowler. Donna enjoyed watching professional wrestling, completing puzzles and attending her grandchildren’s sporting events.

Donna is survived by her husband, Carroll; nine children, Sherry



(Greg) Frisk, Susan (Tim) Duncan, Robert (Diana) Miller, Elaine Case, Ronald (Ignacio Benavides) Miller, Curtis (Sue Tepley) Miller, Duane (Laurie) Miller, Nancy (Craig) Johnson, Brian Miller; one sister, Shirley Griffith; one brother, Larry Welbert; sisters-in-law Juanita Miller and Margie Miller; 27 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Bernice, Jeanette, Kathryn, Jane; two brothers, Frank and Fred.

Arrangements are with the Iten Funeral Home, [itenfuneralhome.com](http://itenfuneralhome.com).

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## Staples Area Church Directory

### Staples

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

**Assembly of God**  
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-1081  
Pastor Roy Miles  
Discipleship Classes ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Prayer ..... 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY

Wednesday times are for Sept. - May  
Sonlight (Kids Program) ..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group ..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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

**First Congregational Church, UCC**  
[firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com](mailto:firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com)  
204 5th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2571  
Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship, refreshments following service

**Faith Lutheran**  
430 12th Street, NE, Staples ..... 218-894-1546  
Pastor: Carl Larson  
Sunday Worship Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School and  
Coffee Fellowship ..... 10:05 a.m.

**Sacred Heart Church**  
310 4th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2296  
Church ..... 218-894-2296  
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz  
Youth and Young Adult Ministry  
Coordinator:  
Monica J. Simmons ..... 218-414-0081 cell/text  
MASS:  
Thursday and Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8:30 a.m.

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

**Thomastown Covenant**  
15940 251st Ave., Staples ..... 218-894-3923  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY ..... 7:00 p.m.

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

### United Methodist

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

### Aldrich

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

### Cushing

**Bethany Lutheran**  
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN  
320-749-2140  
Pastor Carl Larson  
[www.bethanylutherancushing.org](http://www.bethanylutherancushing.org)  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and  
Coffee Fellowship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Pancake Breakfast ..... 11:45 a.m.  
2nd Sunday, each month

**Lincoln Evangelical Free**  
1354 320th St., Cushing ..... 218-575-2449  
[www.lincolnelvfree.org](http://www.lincolnelvfree.org) Facebook Lincoln E Free  
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad  
Pastor: Jim Brown  
Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School for all ages ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Gathering ..... 10:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Praise & Prayer ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Kids' Club ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group ..... 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 ..... 11:00 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.

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

### Motley

**Motley Free Methodist**  
33 Wellwood St. E  
Motley 56466 ..... 218-352-6888  
Pastor Jim Johnson  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Kids Club ..... 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group ..... 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

**St. Michael**  
1st St. and Birch, Motley ..... 218-894-2296  
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz  
MASS:  
Tuesday ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 10:30 a.m.

**United Methodist**  
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley ..... 218-352-6466  
Pastor Greg Leslie  
[www.motleyumc.net](http://www.motleyumc.net)  
Sunday Worship Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Monday AA meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.

### Oylen

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

### Pillager

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

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

**First Baptist**  
903 River Street South, Pillager  
Pastor Jake Anderson  
218-746-3768  
[curious@fbcpillager.com](mailto:curious@fbcpillager.com)  
Worship Gathering ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Connection Point ..... 9:30 a.m.  
(serving coffee and donuts)

### Hewitt

**Church of the Nazarene**  
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN  
218-924-2028  
Pastor Wayne Hoffert  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.

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

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

### Verndale

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

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

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

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

**Verndale United Methodist**  
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale  
218-445-5108  
Pastor Jill Pawlowski  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
**Central United Methodist**  
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)  
Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.

## "The Money Song"

Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor, Motley Free Methodist

For those of us who grew up in a traditional Protestant Church, we came to learn several common prayers, hymns, and responses such as “The Gloria Patri,” “The Lord’s Prayer,” “Apostles’ Creed” and one known as “The Doxology.”

In the Church I grew up in the doxology was always sung right after taking up the offering. I began to believe that this song was the “money song” or the “offering song” since it was always sung while the ushers brought the offering plates forward to give to the pastor.

However, now that I have become a pastor myself, I have had the opportunity to study and teach the true meaning behind “the money song” called the doxology. You see, the word doxology is actually two Greek words in one. The first is “doxa” which means “glory” and “logos” which means “words” or “to speak.”

So, doxology can be words, songs, or any other form of speech that is used to give God glory for His provisions, mercy, and love. So, the next time you find yourself in need to thank God (which is basically all the time and for just about everything), try singing the doxology to Him.

Try singing the doxology as your supper prayer. Perhaps sing it before going to bed or just after shutting off your alarm clock before getting out of bed in the morning. It can make a big difference in your day as much as it will give God worship and glory.

I’m so glad to know that this wonderful song is so much more than just “the money song.” Let’s lift our voices...”Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

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outh.org/.

Thank you for mentioning Todd County CAD in your article. As Grant Coordinator for CAD, Iceland’s work reminds me of CAD’s focus and work. Driven by data, our coalition strategizes how best to tackle our community’s most pressing youth substance abuse issues. CAD has members from all community sectors, using their individual strengths and skills, working together with a goal of ‘Creating A Difference’ for our youth. Change isn’t easy and it isn’t fast. But Staples and all of Todd County is blessed with many community minded people - many of which participate as CAD members - all working to make the community better for youth.

CAD is always looking for members from all sectors of the community; to share their insight, knowledge, energy and passion for our youth. All are welcome at our ‘Fourth Tuesday’ meetings in Staples, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Sourcewell. We have a seat at the table, just waiting for you.

Connie Burns  
Health Education  
Coordinator, Todd County  
[Connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us](mailto:Connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us)

Thank you...  
for reading the  
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## Todd County Commissioners Minutes

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 15, 2019

#### Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 15th day of October, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kneisl. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Erickson, who was absent.

#### Approval of Agenda

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

#### Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2019 as presented with the correction to the Recess verbiage and addition to Administration section of Sara Ogren, HR Manager advised the County Board that this motion was not following procedure on this matter.

#### GAMBLING PERMIT - GREY EAGLE/BURTRUM LIONS

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions through this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions to hold a gambling activities at The Rock Tavern, LLC in Grey Eagle Township at the address 11977 County 47, Grey Eagle, MN commencing October 15th, 2019.

#### GAMBLING PERMIT - NWTF STRUTTIN BLACKBEARDS

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the NWTF Struttin Blackbeards through this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the NWTF Struttin Blackbeards to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on February 1st, 2020.

#### GAMBLING PERMIT - SAUK CENTRE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Centre Area Chamber of Commerce through this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Centre Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a raffle event at the Diamond Point Steakhouse & Lounge in Birchdale Township at the address 12818 Bayview Dr, Sauk Centre, MN on January 6, 2020.

#### Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the September 2019 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900451 through 900469 in the amount of \$698,882.21,

(Manual) 513 through 513 in the amount of \$1,583.95 and (Regular) 234242 through 234383 in the amount of \$782,510.26 for a total of \$1,482,976.42.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400390 through 400410 in the amount of \$5,391.95 and (Regular) 52323 through 52412 in the amount of \$125,839.38 for a total of \$131,231.33.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800141 through 800183 and (Regular) 705854 through 705943 for a total amount of \$77,966.85.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600050 through 600060 and (Regular) 515436 through 515468 in the amount of \$72,416.61.

#### Ditch/Ag Inspector

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

#### Hold Harmless Agreement - Ditch Maintenance - County Ditch 15

**WHEREAS**, Linn Smith is requesting to maintain approximately 2,552 feet of CD15 that is located on Delbert Greenwaldt's parcel 02-0023100. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed by Smith and Greenwaldt and submitted to the Ditch Authority; and;

**WHEREAS**, an onsite inspection has been done; a Wetland Application has been submitted to the TER, and;

**WHEREAS**, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch, or moved to an approved upland site.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Linn Smith to maintain approximately 2,552 feet of CD15 on Delbert Greenwaldt's parcel 02-0023100. The project will be done at Linn Smith's own expense.

#### County Fee Schedule - Public Hearing

Todd County is in the process of building a complete County Fee Schedule to be implemented for 2020. A Public Hearing was held to gather any public input on the proposed fees.

#### Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Conditional Use Permit with the proposed four conditions for Kidco Farms Processing, Inc on parcel #18-0017900 to operate a vegetable processing plant.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

#### Final Plat Approval - "Aldrich Amish Cemetery" Subdivision

**WHEREAS**, Applicant David Yoder and Andy Miller - representing the Aldrich Amish Cemetery applied to subdivide a prop-

erty that is described as Part of North ½ of South-west ¼ of Section 26, in Bartlett Township with the plat to be known as Aldrich Amish Cemetery,

**WHEREAS**, Aldrich Amish Cemetery consists of two acres located in the AF-2 zoning in Section 26 in Bartlett Township,

**WHEREAS**, On April 5, 2018 the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

SECT-26 TWP-133 RANG-34

PART OF N2 SW4 DESC AS FOLLOWS: COMM AT SW CORNER OF SECTION 26, N 1323.0 FT, N 264.0 FT TO POINT OF BEG, REVERSE GOING S 33.0 FT, E 377.03 FT, S 233.71 FT, E 278.95 FT, N 268.71 FT, W 655.97 FT TO POINT OF BEG 2.00 ACRES - SURVEY

**WHEREAS**, On April 17, 2018, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and reviewed the Aldrich Amish Cemetery preliminary plat with conditions,

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the final plat of "Aldrich Amish Cemetery" subdivision be approved as presented.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann against: To waive the initial step of the County Board directing the application for ordinance amendments to the Planning Commission for formal review, to acknowledge the Planning Commission's efforts in obtaining public input, and to accept the Planning Commission's Ordinance Amendment recommendation related to the proposed setbacks to Swine Breeding Facilities per the attached document.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To waive the initial step of the County Board directing the application for ordinance amendments to the Planning Commission for formal review, to acknowledge the Planning Commission's efforts in obtaining public input, and to accept the Planning Commission's Ordinance Amendment recommendation related to the proposed definition of a Swine Breeding Facility per the attached document.

During discussion of the above topic, Commissioner Neumann requested that an e-mail from Roger Dukowitz be read into record. The e-mail was read into record.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To waive the initial step of the County Board directing the application for ordinance amendments to the Planning Commission for formal review, to acknowledge the Planning Commission's efforts in obtaining public input, and to accept the Planning Commission's Ordinance Amendment recommendation related to the proposed amendment to section 9.11(E) per the attached document.

#### Health & Human Services

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was

introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the Environmental Health Ordinance.

#### Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported on meetings attended and projects in progress including the upcoming real estate tax payment deadlines.

#### Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

#### Adjourn

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of October 2019.

#### AUDITOR WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BLONIGEN/HARRY	\$3,153.90
KUHL CONSTRUCT. LLC	2,800.00
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.	9,528.54
PETERS LAW OFF, PA.	10,680.00
REDSTONE CONST.	105,302.87
17 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	5,742.66
ALLSTATE PETERBILT	
OF ALEXANDRIA	3,345.11
AM. HERITAGE BANK	4,021.00
CENTRAL SPEC. INC	160,637.29
FLEET SERVICES/	
WEX BANK	5,806.09
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.	5,231.39
LONG PRAIRIE	
SANITATION INC	3,522.65
MORRISON COUNTY	52,706.00
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI.	
SOLID WASTE AUTH.	78,672.00
REGENTS OF THE	
UNIV OF MN	2,637.53
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	2,875.35
WATERGUARDS, LLC	23,292.33
23 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	12,552.24
AM. HERITAGE BANK	57,451.87
BATKE/ELLEN	5,336.00
EMAILS PROVIDING	
TECHNOLOGY	4,946.00
COUNTRYSIDE REST	4,228.00
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	2,037.02
EBSCO INC	208,121.97
MN POWER & LIGHT	13,751.44
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	7,341.50
STEP	3,358.68
VOYANT COMMS, LLC	3,697.88
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A.	3,380.00
35 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	15,554.48
AMERICAN HERITAGE	11,035.86
CDW GOV'T INC	3,561.56
GREAT RIVER REG.	
LIBRARY	83,540.50
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.	2,642.14
MCMAHON/DEENA M.	3,500.00
METRO SALES INC	2,988.69
TODD-WADENA COMM.	
CORRECTIONS	2,210.90
32 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	11,924.53
FURTHER	1,583.95
EBSCO INC	214,894.28
GALLAGHER BENEFIT	
SERVICES INC	2,000.00
PETERS LAW OFF, PA.	3,540.00
REDSTONE CONST	294,969.55
SHI CORP	2,632.50
VERIZON	3,575.39
14 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	5,664.78
Total	\$1,482,976.42

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ASSOC OF MN COUNTY	2,250.00
CENTRAL APPS INC	20,884.36
FRESHWATER ED. DIST	2,679.97
IDEAL CONST. LLC	34,128.34
KRIS ENGINEERING	33,120.00
RTVISION INC	2,482.51
STAPLES WORLD	7,478.02
104 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	28,208.13
Total	\$131,231.33

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CREMATION SOCIETY	
INC - ST. PAUL	2,008.00
DHS - SWIFT	10,372.37
RURAL MN CEP INC	13,678.88
130 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	51,907.60
Total	\$77,966.85

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ACORN STAIRLIFTS INC	3,654.25
BRAZA HOME INC	5,399.40
CARLSON/BARBARA J	3,400.00
HOLISTIC FAMILY	
ED. SERVICES	3,661.88
#15891	3,022.80
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL	
HLTH CTR INC	19,104.50
STEP	6,649.20
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	27,524.58
Total	72,416.61

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held October 15, 2019 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on November 5, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal:

Gary Kneisl,  
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 77-PR-19-1078

#### ESTATE OF Faye Evelyn Case, Decedent

### NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on December 23, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 221 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing.

Dated: November 13, 2019

#### BY THE COURT Daniel Benson, Judge of District Court

Rhonda Bot,  
Court Administrator/  
Deputy Court  
Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner  
**Joseph A. Krueger  
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Vancura**  
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Email: jkrueger@brownkrueger.com

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### CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN AMENDMENT DELINEATIONS AND

### VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS

NOTICE the City Council of the City of Staples will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the Staples City Hall located at 122 6th Street NE to receive public input regarding the Wellhead Protection Plan Amendment including the delineations and vulnerability assessments. A copy of the Plan and amendment is available at the City Hall during normal business hours.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and be heard on this important matter or submit written comments to the City Clerk prior to the hearing.

Dated: November 20  
Diane Archer, City Clerk  
47pnc

### CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples City Council gave ordinance 523 its first reading. The ordinance amends Staples City Code to add Subd. f. and g. to Staples City Code Section 7.1.02 Liquor License Required, and amend Section 5.6.05 Zoning Districts Subd. g.2.F and amend Section 5.6.06 Subd. h.D. The Ordinance adds Brewer taproom to the Code as an authorized liquor license type and corrects Section 5.6.05 Subd. h.D. setting the maximum size of a private detached garage at 900 square feet.

The second and final reading will be considered at the November 26, 2019 Staples City Council meeting. Contact the City offices at 218-894-2550 for a copy of the proposed ordinance..

Dated: November 20  
Diane Archer, City Clerk  
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Biggest one of all

Josh Greenwood shot a 206.8 pound buck, edging out Bryan Mott's buck by one pound, to win the Staples True Value Big Buck Contest. His prize was a Savage Axis Creedmoor rifle, sponsored by Wahoo Valley Deer Hunters Association. (Submitted photos)



Top doe

Dale Allen shot the largest doe in the Big Buck Contest, with a 152.6 pounder. The Youth Division winner remained Aiden Winter, who shot a 165.8 pound buck on the first weekend of hunting.



Haideen Richner, 148 pound buck



Mike Hajek, 189 pound buck



Darren Holst, 169 pound buck

Proposal would allow off-highway vehicle access to Huntersville Forest Landing Campground

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking comments on a proposal to allow off-highway vehicle (OHVs) access to certain areas of the Huntersville Forest Landing Campground in Huntersville State Forest in northwest Minnesota. Currently, OHVs must be trailered in and out of the campground. The proposal would allow campers with OHVs to unload

their OHVs at their campsites and access the recreational trails within the state forest from there. Huntersville State Forest contains over 60 miles of single track off-highway motorcycle trail, as well as many miles of forest roads open to all OHVs. Within the campground, OHV access would be limited to existing roadways and campsites. The DNR will accept

written comments until 4:30 p.m. Dec. 9. Comments may be submitted: Via email to david.schotzko@state.mn.us. Via mail to Dave Schotzko, area supervisor, Parks and Trails Division, Minnesota DNR, 3296 State Park Road NE, Bemidji, MN 56601. The DNR will also hold a public meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Menahga Public

High School, 216 Aspen Ave. SE, Menahga, MN 56464. Participants will be able to discuss the proposal with DNR representatives and submit comments. For more information, visit the OHV trail plans and proposals webpage or call Dave Schotzko, 218-308-2367.



Sheila Erickson, 165 pound buck

Swans in icy water aren't always in trouble

The Department of Natural Resources asks Minnesotans to carefully consider the situation before reporting trumpeter swans or other waterfowl that appear to be trapped in ice or rapidly freezing water. While they may initially appear to be distressed, they most often are not. "Trumpeter swans are a classic example of this," said Erica Hoaglund, central region nongame wildlife specialist. "People see them this time of year

resting on frozen water or swimming about in small pockets of open water within ice. Observers assume they're trapped when most of the time they're not and move on in either a few days or a few weeks. It usually is not the emergency it can first appear to be." Often birds that seem trapped in ice or in a shrinking area of open water are fine and not trapped. When the weather is cold, animals move around less, just like people, and observers

are often not used to seeing them inactive or alone. On the rare occasion an animal is actually in distress, it is often physically impossible to reach them safely across thin ice and open, frigid water. Frequently in these situations, the bird or animal has been unable to leave the area for some underlying reason such as illness or injury and it may be impossible to rehabilitate the animal even after its rescue. Do not risk a human life to save a wild animal.

After years of hard work and restoration efforts, the trumpeter swan population in the state is now stable and large enough that natural mortality is not cause for alarm. Animals that die outside in the winter are an important part of the food chain. Their carcasses will provide crucial winter food sources to a wide range of wildlife, including invertebrates, mice and even bald eagles.





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## Notices

**St. Jude's Novena:** May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. On the eighth day your prayer will be answered. Publication must be promised. Thank you. Sacred Heart and St. Jude GJG 47p

## SERVICES &amp; EMPLOYMENT

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**Help Wanted SOCIAL WORKER-CHILD PROTECTION:** We are looking for a reliable service oriented individual to serve the citizens of Todd County. To learn more about this position and how to apply visit the Todd County website [www.co.todd.mn.us](http://www.co.todd.mn.us). Questions may be directed to Administration at 320-732-6155. EOE. 47c

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Below: Veteran Mel Daniels speaks with Lt. Col. Reichel following her presentation.



## Sharing poems, artwork for veterans

Students in Kasey Odden's 5th grade social studies class wrote Veterans Day poetry and created artwork for veterans recently. These were given to the veterans who attended the Veterans Day program at Staples-Motley Middle School Nov. 11, for them to take home. Pictured front row from left: Wyatt Radueg,

Jonathan Faulkner, Jocelyn Lenk, Chloe Trantina, Emerson Bettis. Center row: Kyleena Rudlang, Brooke Bendson, Landon Thotland-Quenz, Justin Olson. Back row: Joshua Cushing, Daniel Zimmerman, Jacob Hansen, Chase Koskiniemi, Thomas Johnson, Atreyu Eagle Tail. (Submitted photo)

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Education in the Staples area

The Staples area is a hub for education, with the Staples-Motley School District, Central Lakes College and Sourcewell all serving as local and regional education leaders. These institutions are recognized on this page as a salute to American Education Week, Nov. 18-22.



Confluence of education in Staples - Young Authors Conference

The Young Authors Conference is an example of local educational institutions working together. Staples-Motley schools sent 40 students to the two day conference, which is sponsored by Sourcewell and held at Central Lakes College in Staples. This type of cooperation among local entities gives students in this area opportunities that are not available in most rural districts. Sourcewell also operates Knowledge Bowl and the Regional Spelling Bee for area schools. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

ISD 2170 - many options for students of all ages

Staples-Motley School District offers comprehensive education for all students from a variety of backgrounds. Through a diverse set of classes, supports for students of all abilities, extensive fine arts and extra-curricular offerings, and partnerships with the community, our students are able to learn and grow both in and beyond the classroom, all guided by our talented and caring staff.

- Early Education**
- The Staples-Motley Early Education Center serves all families with children birth to five years old with engaging programs led by staff who truly care for our youngest Cardinals!
- Early Childhood Family Education offers parents and children birth to five years old a chance to play together, be social, and learn something new, while meeting friends and having a positive school experience before beginning kindergarten.
  - School Readiness – a pre-school program for three and four-year-olds. Three-year-old

- classes include enrollment in an ECFE class.
- Head Start – child and family development program, helping low-income families become self-reliant while also helping prepare their children for school success.
  - Early Childhood Special Education/Intervention Services are offered to children and families beginning at birth upon qualification.
  - Early Childhood Screenings, required by law for kindergarten entry, are offered for free to our Cardinals beginning at three years old.
  - \*\*Tuition assistance available for families who meet eligibility requirements\*\*
- Elementary School**
- Staples-Motley Elementary School offers a full spectrum of educational offerings with appropriate supports and opportunities so all students can have character-building experiences.
- MN Reading Corp for grades K-3
  - MN Math Corp for grade 4

- STEAM – hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math experiences
  - STAR – after school program for our students needing additional academic and/or social-emotional support
  - Balanced literacy approach so all students can learn to love reading
  - TechMobile brings technology into the classroom in relevant ways
  - Character trait development with Student Success Interventionist
- Middle School**
- Staples-Motley Middle School is rich in elective offerings to meet a wide variety of interests, supports for all students, and staff that promote a culture of respect that fosters both academic and personal growth.
- Boosters after school program to support students with academics
  - Fine arts offerings including band, choir, orchestra and art
  - Elective choices including Spanish multicultural studies,

- MinnAqua, Cardinal Productions, Strength Training, Personal Fitness, Industrial Tech, Project Lead the Way and Robotics
- Middle school sports including volleyball, basketball, track, football and more
  - Annual middle school play
- High School**
- Staples-Motley High School has both classes and extra-curricular activities for every student to be engaged throughout grades 9-12!
- College-credit earning and career and technical education offerings including:
    - CIS classes in chemistry, business, government, health, nursing, literature, physics, Spanish, computers, accounting, medical terminology, biology, and human biology
    - PSEO online course in collaboration with many colleges and universities
    - CTE courses in woods, CAD, nursing, culinary, agriculture, small engines, welding, graphic arts, child development, careers

- with children, machine trades and robotics
- Bridges Career Academies include Food and Natural Resources, Business, Early Childhood, Engineering, Health, Pre-Nursing and Culinary
  - 16 SMHS courses that students earn credit with Central Lakes College
  - State-recognized Band, Orchestra and Choir programs
  - FFA chapter that competes at the state and national level
  - Connections Project Based Learning is a fantastic opportunity for independent learners!
  - Speech team continues to achieve State Ranking, annually.
  - Activities and Athletics are offered throughout the year
- Community Education**
- Staples-Motley Community Education is committed to lifelong learning by giving access to and encouraging people of all ages to be involved in a variety of youth and adult enrichment classes, sports and camp offerings in the community, year-round.



Staples-Motley Elementary Principal Kathy Johnson at a Sourcewell training event.



Sourcewell training programs give school professionals needed career development and a chance to collaborate with others in their field.

College degrees in Staples

Central Lakes College has a long tradition promoting education and innovation in the Staples community. In addition to the recently renovated main campus, CLC features a 360-acre west campus for Heavy Equipment, and an Ag and Energy Center that operates about 2,000 acres under research and crop production.

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  - Career & college readiness programs
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College students practice nursing and heavy equipment operation at CLC in Staples.



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### Open mic time

Students attending the recent Young Authors Conference at Central Lakes College in Staples, sponsored by Sourcewell, had the opportunity to share some of their work during an open mic time. Pictured above, Addy Brenny shares a story entitled, ‘Miley’s Adventure.’ At right, Sarah Kroll reads a story she’s written about a girl whose mother was a victim of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City and her subsequent efforts to find her. Both girls are nine-years-old and attend Staple-Motley Elementary School. Kip Hines of Sourcewell (above, far right) served as emcee at the open mic event. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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### Library use continues to increase

actually began as early as 2000 and the idea of a city hall/library joint use facility came through after evaluations, feasibility studies and many meetings with community groups. With discussions of the redesign of Highway 10 through Staples and with other space developed for the police department, the food shelf and Region Five, the timing seemed right to pull together the pieces of the dream.

The Friends visited other area libraries researching ideas for space use, programming, furnishings and general operations. The City of Staples applied for and received over \$400,000 in a matching grant from the Minnesota Department of Education through State Library Services which helped with construction costs for the library portion of the new building.

The Friends also launched a fund raising campaign with a goal of \$30,000. A giant thermometer was erected at the corner of 2nd Ave and 6th St. NE so the community could monitor progress. Those funds were earmarked for additional fixtures, furnishings and other amenities above the basics in the city’s budget.

About \$32,000 was raised from that initial drive that helped purchase an outdoor “BOOKS” bike rack, a Story Kit display rack, magazine holders and shelving, bean bag chairs for the teen and children’s area, cushions for the Reading Roundhouse children’s area, two benches for the atrium and one for outdoors, decorative art and lighting for the children’s area, upgraded furniture, a fabric landscape for above the computer tables, additional bookcases for specific areas, printer tables for patrons’ use, additional outdoor signage and a Christmas tree and decorations for the atrium. Local artists and artisans were used as much as possible.

Now with over 5,000 sq. ft. the new library is bright and airy and very busy. The joint space with the city allows for more programs and events for all ages. Popular ones include author talks, musicians, tech time support, genealogy, history, theater, gardening and craft classes, summer and winter reading programs, book clubs, science programs, magicians, Lego adventures, even gingerbread making sessions for children and parents. Future projects include an Escape Room for teens coming in January



### Welcome additions

Bruce Nelsen built a new newspaper rack for the library in 2017. Donations are always welcome.



### Visiting the library

Puzzles, books, games and more are available as well in the children’s section of the library.

or February and a “Race to the Library” reading challenge for school classes during February which is “I Love To Read” month.

Use of the library continues to increase. The first year the check out of library materials increased 23 percent over the same period the previous year. Because of additional computers, that usage was up 430 percent with over 8,900 log ins. Over 1,250 wireless internet connections were recorded. Circulation now has stabilized to a two to four percent increase each year. As of Oct. 31, 2019, nearly 54,000 items had been checked out. Over 70 programs are offered per year with an attendance of over 2,000 people of all ages.

The Friends continue to raise money in their annual fund drive averaging about \$2,600 each year. Those funds are used to support children and adult programming, community outreach, and to meet the changing needs of library staff, such as security mirrors and telephone headsets.

In addition to the membership campaign and the annual book sale, the Friends raise an average of \$500 per year at a root beer float booth during Railroad Days and about \$600 per year in the continuing book sale at the library. All these funds are used to support and promote the library.

The Friends have also applied for and received two grants of \$2,500 each from the 3M Foundation for books and programming focused on science.

The library staff recently set up a Facebook page and programs are listed there as well as on the Great River Regional Library website at griver.org. Click on “Locations/Hours” to find the Staples calendar. Flyers about programs are also on display at the library or ask at the circulation desk.

The Friends added a new book club this year called Books, Bites & Brews, a club for adults to meet and discuss books in a social setting. To get a list of the schedule and books or for more information email FOSL56479@gmail.com.



### Reading from her book, “Bubbles”

Author Abby Cooper was the keynote speaker at the Young Authors Conference in Staples, held Nov. 13 and 14 at Central Lakes College. Above, she reads a chapter from her book, “Bubbles” during one of the sessions. The

book was inspired by true life experiences, she said. Later, students were encouraged to think of incidents in their own lives which could be the basis of a good story. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



### Lunch break at the conference

Students attending the Young Authors Conference in Staples recently chatted during lunch break, while enjoying the live music of award-winning band, Siana Congo. Pictured above, from left, are Debbie Ferdon, Q Comp/

Curriculum Coordinator at Staples-Motley Schools; and students Lilyana Vollmar, Audrina Voss, Maddie Kist, Kyleena Rudlang. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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of the event.

Author Abby Cooper of Minneapolis was the keynote speaker at the event, as well as a session leader. She began her award-winning writing journey at a Young Authors Conference and was excited to share writing tips with the students she met in Staples. She is the author of “Sticks & Stones,” Bubbles” and “Friend or Fiction.”

During her session, “Revise Your Life,” she encouraged students to take situations from their real lives and revise them until they’re new and improved.

Some story ideas voiced by class participants on Nov. 13, included having one’s voice crack during the middle of a choir concert, sobbing under their desk after learning they couldn’t go on a field trip; and getting sick during class.

Other presenters during the two-day conference included Beth Hautala, John Coy, Marie Olofsdotter, Mary Aalgaard, Krista Soukup and Mike Wohnoutka. Sarah Warren was a guest speaker for VIP Students in grades 9 - 12.



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