



Turkeys Photo by Dawn Timbs

Staples-Motley wrestling continues to impact Tony (Johnson) Mack’s life



By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

For as long as Tony Mack can remember, wrestling has been one of the major inspirations in his life. Staples-Motley wrestling, in particular.

“They always have been and always will be my team,” Tony said of the Cardinals, during a recent visit to his hometown.

A Staples native, Tony (whose last name was originally Johnson) grew up hearing stories about the legendary team and coaches, and going to the state tournament to cheer them on year after year.

In the weeks prior to tournament time, he remembers his parents and grandparents discussing the team line-up, or the line-up changes head coach Don Dravis made and “how he’d swindle the other coach as he always seemed to do,” Tony said.

He has vivid memories of being at the tournament with his grandparents, Gary and Janice Johnson, and hearing them converse with others from back home about last night’s match, who would be competing next, etc. Mary Carlson and Joyce Anderson are two hometown fans that come to mind and he can still see the expressions on all of their faces as they discussed how the Cardinals were doing. “I was only about three or four years old and I could feel and understand how special the sport of wrestling was to my community and family.”

When he was about four or five, Tony remembers crying when Staples lost to Paynesville as they vied for another state title at the St. Paul Civic Center. It was there, Tony said, that “I learned how to be magnanimous and lose with grace as I watched my grandparents compliment the Paynesville parents and fans. It took me a few years to understand the great lessons my grandparents taught me there.”

Tony went on to be a Cardinal wrestler during his junior and senior high years at Staples-Motley. His first coach was Kevin Olsen, he said, going on to share that the techniques he learned in those early years are some he now teaches his own children. Lowell Bayerkohler was his coach during junior high and the one who taught him “the Staples way” of wrestling, Tony said.

He recalls, as a junior high student, feeling so fortunate to be practicing in the same room once occupied by the legendary coach Don Dravis. Tony said he was equally blessed to have Don’s son, Jeff Dravis, as his varsity coach. “I can’t put into words what Jeff taught me, or begin to describe his wrestling acumen.” Another coach

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Special moment in his hometown

Tony (Johnson) Mack, a 2001 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, traveled with his family to Staples recently in order to show his grandparents, Gary and Janice Johnson, the wrestling moves he has been helping teach his children. Because of COVID-19, he wasn’t sure when they’d be able to see his children wrestle again, so he brought a mat to their yard so they could safely watch the children at the sport. Pictured above, front row from left are Tony, holding youngest son, Malachi; Benjamin and Avery. In the background are Grandma and Grandpa Johnson, who were a significant part of his childhood and major supporters of his own high school wrestling career. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs) At left is Tony’s senior class photo from the Cardinal yearbook.



Public Notices

Cass County:

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Mid-Central now Mid-Central National Bank

Jiko Group, Inc. announced September 3, 2020 that it has acquired Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank located in Wadena as part of the acquisition converted to a national bank charter. The name has been changed to Mid-Central National Bank.

“We are excited to welcome Mid-Central to Jiko Group and look forward to providing financial strength to the bank, its loyal customers and the employees who have served its community so effectively for over 50 years,” said Stephane Lintner, President and Chief Executive Officer, Jiko Group, Inc.

“Through this acquisition, which we have been working on jointly with the Bank’s team for the last three years, Jiko has now solidified the regulatory and oversight structure required to launch its new digital product designed to offer every American direct and liquid access to Treasury Bills. We are thrilled that such an evolution

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Becky Hasselberg recognized for Vintage volunteer work

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

When thanks aren’t enough to show appreciation, creating an award can signify how much someone means to an organization.

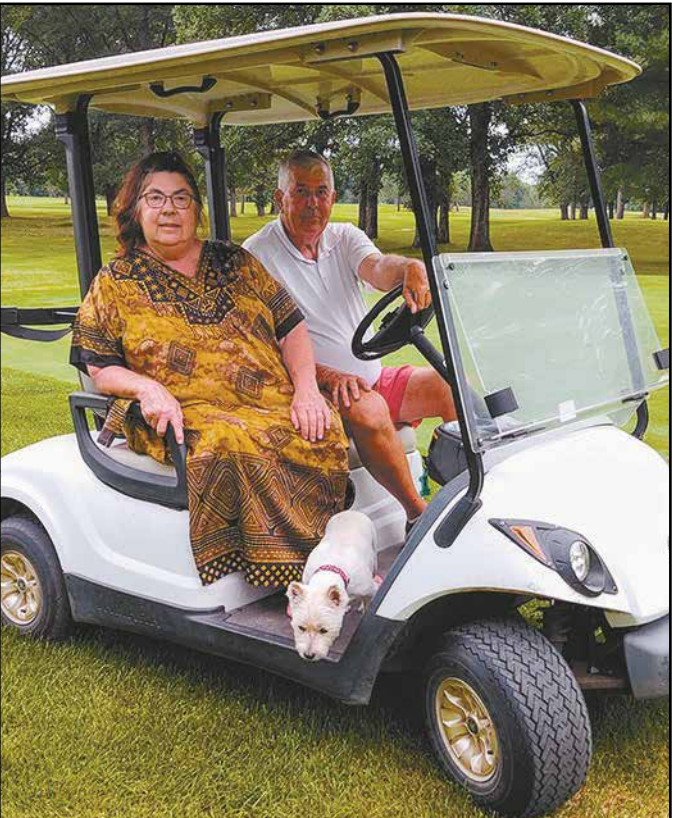
Becky Hasselberg has been designated as the recipient of the first Golf Course Manager’s Lifetime Achievement Award at the Vintage golf course, according to Course Manager Jeff Sterriker.

Becky and her husband Glen have been volunteering for many years, in many different capacities.

“The two of them have helped keep this course running for a very long time,” said Sterriker. “They don’t need instruction, they just do whatever needs to be done.”

Becky works in the clubhouse whenever needed and also does outdoor volunteering such as picking up balls on the driving range. Both Hasselbergs act as course rangers nearly every day, driving around and checking on groups playing the course to make sure they are doing well and following course guidelines. Glen is also the Staples-Motley golf coach but still changes tires on the golf carts.

“They are the eyes of the course, inside and outside,” said Sterriker. “And they’ve never asked for anything in return.”



Volunteer statespeople

Becky and Glen Hasselberg, with their dog Lilly, patrol the Vintage golf course as rangers. They also volunteer in many other capacities at the course. (Submitted photo)

Becky is instrumental in running events at the course. She cooks for the Ladies League and Bridge Club. She and Glen help with tournaments and other large events.

“They take pride in the course and pride in the community,” said Sterriker.

The golf course has had good years and lean years, but Sterriker said this has been one of their better years. “The course is still here because of these two,” said Sterriker, “they just give and give.”

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Sharing life’s aspirations with next generation

that comes to mind is Paul Binek, Tony went on. “Mr. Binek was my coach who always seemed to be at my side throughout my whole wrestling career...from elementary to varsity.”

For Tony, the teammates he had the privilege of wrestling with were just as exceptional as those he had watched when he was a child. “Names like Dravis, Sterricker, Heldman, Japke, Lelwica, Jennissen, Jasmer and Bjerger had turned into Carlson, Kramer, Thompson, Carlson (again), Gustason, Vacek, Anglin, Becker, Storry, Detloff, Redemske and Breitenfeldt.”

Three of his practice partners would go on to win state championships, Tony said, mentioning Jeff Thompson, Mark Carlson and Jamie Carlson.

He had his share of successes, Tony said, mentioning that he went to state his sophomore year and took third at state when he was a junior. His senior year was cut short due to injuries and he was only able to wrestle two matches. His favorite memory, however, is when Mark Carlson (current head wrestling coach at Staples-Motley) won his third state title in spite of having a badly injured leg. Tony recalled the cheers for Carlson in the stadium being louder than he’d ever heard, as his teammate reminded the rest of the state that the “Staples singlet will forever have the magic in it.” He was about 16 years old, Tony said, recalling that in a matter of six minutes he went from blubbering tears of sadness to tears of elation. “Thank you, Mark Carlson, for being you,” he said.

Wrestling continued to have an impact on his life even after graduating from Staples-Motley in 2001. Tony went on to join the United States Air Force and found that having been a wrestler made basic training a lot easier. “Wrestling taught me that you get what you deserve via your own efforts,” Tony said. He went on to see successes in the workforce, inventing a rehab device for the lower extremities. His primary customers include colleges

and universities who use the product for their injured student athletes. Tony credits his background in wrestling for this coming to fruition.

Tony now makes his home in Sartell, along with his wife Leann (Odden), also a Staples native, and their three children Avery, nine; Benjamin, seven; and Malachi, four. In recent years he has been an assistant coach at St. Cloud State University, and currently, is championing the efforts of Sartell High School being the second women’s wrestling program in Minnesota. He also is helping coach his own children, teaching them wrestling moves and other values gained through the sport.

He is thankful to his family for passing on the love of wrestling to him, Tony said, going on to mention his parents, Kim (Johnson) and Joe Pilgrim, his birth father, the late John Mack; and his grandparents, Gary and Janice Johnson.

Due to COVID-19 and the social distancing practices in place, Tony was worried that his grandparents might not be able to see his own children wrestle any time soon. With that in mind, he decided he would safely bring the sport to Staples, setting up a mat in his grandparents’ back yard so they could see what their great-grandchildren had been learning.

“It was an emotional day for me,” Tony said, adding that he had never felt so proud. “I was seeing and reliving my earliest of memories. As my children drilled moves in front of Janice and Gary, I saw myself at the dinner table as a child, remembering the larger-than-life joy is discussing our Staples teams... but this time it was our own team, performing right in their very yard.”

“I told my grandparents that those children on the mat were there because of them,” Tony said, adding that in addition to their biological genes, the Johnsons had passed down to their great-grandchildren a love for wrestling and all of those great life skills that go along with the sport.



Instructing Benjamin

Staples-Motley alum Tony (Johnson) Mack teaches his son, Benjamin, some moves Aug. 29, while visiting his grandparents, Janice and Gary Johnson (in background), at their home in Staples. Also pictured is Mack’s daughter, Avery. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Wrestling demonstration

Avery and Benjamin Mack of Sartell recently gave a demonstration of wrestling moves they have learned for their great-grandparents, Janice and Gary Johnson of Staples. Their dad, Tony (Johnson) Mack, was an avid wrestler during his years at Staples-Motley High School and his grandparents’ were always so supportive of him and the sport. (Submitted photo)



Group home CUP approved

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

The Todd County Board approved an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to establish a group housing site with greater than seven residents was received from Christine and Todd Tollefson. At their Aug. 18 meeting, the board approved the CUP with the following conditions:

1. Use will be limited to no more than 15 residents total. Expansion beyond this number must be reviewed by the Planning Commission.
2. The on site septic system must be adequately sized to support the maximum number of residents in the house.
3. Applicant must abide by all applicable federal, state, and local standards.

The board granted another CUP for the establishment of a retail greenhouse and sheet metal sales business, after discussion and the raising of some concerns

An application for a CUP

to establish the business was received from Joseph Bontrager on May 11. This was reviewed by the Planning Commission during their June 4 meeting and was tabled until the August 6 meeting.

The applicant agreed to tabling the topic and signed an extension.

During the August meeting, the Planning Commission developed a recommendation of granting the CUP with conditions, including placement of six 25 mph speed limit signs, a one-time donation of \$5000 to Eagle Valley Township for placement of gravel on access roads to the greenhouse, and an annual donation of \$2000 to Eagle Valley Township for the next 10 years for continued road maintenance on access roads to the greenhouse. The business is limited to a single greenhouse. Additional greenhouses require review of the Planning Commission.

Chairman David Kircher asked if there would be no parking signs near the

Todd County zoning districts for development

From Todd County Planning and Zoning

The zoning district in which your property is located has a big impact on what type of developments that can be permitted on your land. Zoning districts were adopted county wide in 2006. A county wide map that shows zoning districts county wide is on the Todd County web site under Planning and Zoning.

There are eight zoning districts with Ag/Forestry-1 and Ag Forestry-2 zones established to protect areas of the county in which commercial agriculture, livestock production, forestry and large tract recreational activities are the primary uses. The number of homes in these zones is one per government 40 acres for AF-1 and two homes per government 40 acres for AF-2.

An important zone for water quality protection is Shoreland. This zone occurs within 1,000 feet of any DNR classified water. Shoreland zoning rules were established to protect lakes and streams yet still allow home site development. There are four levels of shoreland zoning that relate to the type of DNR water body classification with the most

restrictive being a Natural Environment lake and the least being a General Development lake.

Commercial and light manufacturing zones were established to provide areas in the county where commercial or institutional uses are the primary use. These areas are often found along primary travel corridors such as Highway 71.


There are two types of Rural Residential zoning – one requiring a 10 acre lot (R-10), and another a 2 acre lot (R-2). These two zones were established to provide rural home sites, usually along main travel corridors.

Some land uses allowed in AF-1 and AF-2 are not allowed in Rural Residential zoned areas in an effort to reduce conflicts.

Rural Townsite zoned land was an effort to accommodate areas that were platted as residential prior to enactment of zoning regulations and therefore were allowed to remain as platted residential areas after zoning areas were designated by the county.

If you’re interested in learning more about zoning districts or about what zoning district you are located in, contact Todd County Planning and Zoning at 320-732-4420.

1. The schoolhouse must meet all required setbacks as stated in Section 9.11 of the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance or be granted a variance for the reduced setback distance.
2. Submit an approved plan for septic compliance on this site.
- An application for a CUP to establish 4 - 40’x100’ sheds for use as commercial mini-storage units was received from Jeff Koehn. The board granted the conditional use permit with no conditions.
- Heard a COVID-19 update from Health and Human Services (HHS) Director Jackie Och.
- The county is currently at an 8.18 rate for students to be able to return to school.
- After the report Commissioner Rod Erickson commented that after doing research on this topic he feels that we are “being horribly misled.”
- The board approved the policies committee’s update to the funeral leave policy. See the attached graphic.
- On August 4 the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the CARES CRF Small Business Relief Grant Program and applications for this program are being accepted through August 28. A Committee has been established to review applications. The Commissioners requested a per diem be established for the Committee members participation.
- The board approved the meeting per diem at \$35 per meeting. They also approved mileage at the federal rate.
- This will exclude the Todd County Development Corporation Executive Director Rick Utech and County Coordinator Chris Pelzer.
- A meeting will be set up with Morrison County representatives to discuss ideas about Lake Shamin-eau and the continuing high water levels.
- The board held a closed meeting regarding a pending arbitration matter with AFSCME Council 65.
- After the closed meeting, the board approved an action for separation of employment with employee #817 with a \$10,000 lump sum payment with the stipulation that there be no claims now or in the future.
- Kircher said that the commissioners had discussed this thoroughly and did not want to do this, but that in the long run it would save the taxpayers money.



Public Notice

NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES
CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The following precincts located in Cass County have elected to vote by mail ballot procedure in statewide elections as authorized under Minnesota Statutes 204B.45. All other precincts vote at their designated polling place on election day.

MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS			
Ansel Township	Crooked Lake Township	Meadow Brook Township	Smoky Hollow Township
Backus	Deerfield Township	Moose Lake Township	Sucker Lakes Unorg.
Barclay Township	Federal Dam	Motley-Cass portion only	Sylvan Township
Becker Township	Gould Township	Ottertail Peninsula Township	Thunder Lake Township
Bena	Hackensack	Pillager	Torrey Township
Beulah Township	Hardwood South Unorg.	Pine Lake Township	Turtle Lake Township
Birch Lake Township	Hiram Township	Ponto Lake Township	Wabedo Township
Blind Lake Township	Home Brook Township	Poplar Township	Wahnena Unorg.
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Boy River	Kego Township	Remer	Willow River Unorg.
Boy River Township	Leech Lake Township	Remer Township	Wilson Township
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Bungo Township	Longville	Rogers Township	Woodrow Township
Byron Township	Loon Lake Township	Salem Township	
Chickamaug Beach	McKinley Township	Slater Township	

The dates that ballots will be mailed for the foregoing mail ballot precincts are:

State Primary General Election	August 11, 2020 November 3, 2020	Ballot Mailing Dates: June 26 – July 28, 2020 September 18 – October 20, 2020
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Each voter registered by July 21, 2020 for the August 11, 2020 State Primary will be mailed a ballot automatically.
Each voter registered by October 13, 2020 for the November 3, 2020 General Election will be mailed a ballot automatically.

Eligible voters not pre-registered by this date, or pre-registered voters wishing to receive their ballot at a temporary address, may apply for an absentee ballot.

Voters may register and apply for an absentee ballot on-line by visiting mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us or the elections and voting pages of the Cass County website at www.co.cass.mn.us. For paper applications or assistance, call 218-547-7295.

Ballots may be returned by mail (a postage prepaid return envelope is included when the ballots are mailed), delivered in person by the voter, or delivered by designated agent to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484. Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day in order to be counted. Normal business hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hours on election day are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voters with disabilities and other special needs, either permanent or temporary, may access a voter assist terminal to mark their ballot by bringing their ballot and ballot envelopes to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at the address noted above, or other designated absentee voting locations.

Officials are also available at these locations to complete the witness requirements for mail ballots. Instructions are included with each ballot. The back of the return envelope must be signed by the voter and witnessed by any the following:

1. anyone registered to vote in Minnesota, including a spouse or relative,
2. a notary public, or
3. a person with the authority to administer oaths.

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

In addition to the normal business hours, extended hours for mail ballot voting (for in-person drop off, voter assist terminal access or absentee voting for non-registered voters) are:

State Primary	Saturday, August 8, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday, August 10, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, August 11, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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General Election: Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday, November 2, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, November 3, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

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



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Housing study includes all of Staples

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) approved donating \$1,500 to the Wadena County Economic Alliance, after Director Katie Heppner gave a presentation at a special meeting on Aug. 28.

Heppner said the Economic Alliance has shifted their focus over the past two years to take on county-wide issues, instead of focusing city by city. She said they still do common economic development services such as business planning, site selection and business attraction.

The Economic Alliance is currently conducting a county-wide housing study that includes all of the city of Staples, much of which is in Todd County.

“This is a huge economic

development issue, if we want to be serious about getting development, we need that study,” said SEDA Director Melissa Radermacher.

The SEDA board questioned whether to donate the \$1,500 requested by the Economic Alliance for 2021, because they have been contributing \$1,100 to the Todd County Development Corporation, a comparable entity in Todd County.

Noting that both entities contribute back to the community much more than the city’s yearly donation, the board approved the \$1,500 request and noted that they will offer the same amount to the Todd County Development Corporation.

The SEDA also approved a loan request from Joel Ulring and Diane Ulring to replace a facade on a business on 4th Street NE.

Region Five receives EDA CARES Act funds

Region Five Development Commission will receive a \$1.6 million EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to capitalize and administer Revolving Loan Funds (RLFs) that will provide critical gap financing to small businesses and entrepreneurs adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic in Crow Wing, Cass, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties.

“These investments come at a crucial time to help Minnesota’s and our nation’s economy come roaring back and provide hard-working Americans with new opportunities,” said Dana Gartzke, Performing the Delegated Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. “Small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities, and EDA is pleased to invest these CARES Act funds so that Minnesota businesses have access to capital to respond to and recover from the coronavirus pandemic.”

These current EDA RLF grantees are some of the more than 850 existing, high-performing EDA RLF, Economic Development District, University Center, and Tribal grant recipients invited to apply for supplemental funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,

and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The CARES Act provides EDA with \$1.5 billion for economic development assistance programs to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance, which is being administered under the authority of the bureau’s flexible Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) (PDF) program, provides a wide-range of financial assistance to eligible communities and regions as they respond to and recover from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. For complete information, visit the recently updated EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance page.

The mission of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting competitiveness and preparing the nation’s regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) is a high-performing, regionally focused partner providing community development, economic development, and transportation initiatives in central Minnesota.

Initiative Foundation busy with grant programs

The Initiative Foundation has begun the process of distributing up to \$7.8 million in grants to 765 Central Minnesota small businesses and a St. Cloud cultural mall that have been affected by coronavirus slowdowns, shutdowns and state-ordered restrictions.

“This is a stressful and demanding time for our small business community,” said Lynn Bushinger, chief financial and operations officer at the Initiative Foundation. “Our goal is to work quickly to drive these crucial resources into the hands of Central Minnesota entrepreneurs. These grants won’t completely solve the economic strain, but they will help to ease the burden that has resulted from the statewide coronavirus response.”

The \$10,000 Small Business Relief Grants are part of a \$62.5 million program approved by the Minnesota Legislature during the June 2020 Special Session and signed into law by Gov. Tim Walz. The law named the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) as the principle organization in charge, and states that half of the grant money should be distributed in Greater Minnesota by the Initiative Foundation and its five sister organizations.

Most of the funding comes from the federal CARES Act, with a smaller amount, about \$2.5 million, coming from DEED’s emergency loan fund. For Greater Minnesota, DEED has managed the application and lottery-style selection process, and the Minnesota Initiative Foundations will validate for eligibility and disperse the funds.

Included in the relief effort is a Minnesota Cultural Mall Operator Grants program. Global Center, an indoor cultural mall and food market with 32 tenants on Third Street North in St. Cloud, is one of 12 named recipients. Global

- 75 YEARS Ago - 1945**
 - Sept. 13, 1945 - Seven young men of Staples were “almost caught in the act” of destroying a second vegetable garden near Staples last week end, and when caught, one of them readily confessed to participation in the destruction of the Thomas Parker garden several nights previous.
 - The young men were not taken before the municipal judge, but willingly paid \$5 a piece for the damages to the Parker garden, and were released by the city police who were on the scene of the anticipated second crime.
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Compiled by Dawn Timbs

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- Sept. 13, 1945 - “When the War is Over” is the title of a song which has recently been copyrighted by Evelyn Englehard, of Wahpeton, North Dakota, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Butler of Staples.
 - The copy of music was copyrighted at the office of the Nordyke Publishing company in Hollywood, California. The music is set to waltz time and a chorus.
 - Mrs. Engelhard wrote both the words and music for the song, and this is one of several written by her, which has been copyrighted.
 - She has always been interested in music, and according to her mother, writes the words as she is doing her daily housework, stopping occasionally to write down the words as she thinks of them.
 - Sept. 13, 1945 - Staples canning center is one of the busiest places in town at the present time, when hundreds of cans of processed foods are going out of the cannery daily.
 - The largest day this season was Wednesday, Sept. 5, when 1,607 cans were processed at the plant.
 - To date between 40,000 and 45,000 cans have been processed and over 500 patrons are using the canning center.
- 50 YEARS Ago - 1970**
 - Sept. 17, 1970 - Two touchdowns in the initial period, another in the second and a final TD in the third enabled the Staples Cardinals to power their way to a 26 to 6 victory over visiting Sauk Rapids last Friday evening before the hometown fans.
 - The win was the first for the Leidenfrost coached Cardinals in two starts this season. It was also their sixth consecutive victory over a Sauk Rapids team.
 - The non-conference game got underway on a beautiful evening for football with Staples kicking off. Sauk Rapids took George Hankey’s kick on their own 13 and returned it to the 26.
 - Sept. 17, 1970 - An excerpt from the Philbrook News, by Mrs. Lester Shinabarger: There was an error in the news a couple of weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Redmond are

Looking back

from Huston, Minn., not Independence, Ore. Sorry! Mr. and Mrs. Redmond and Carol visited Mr. and Mrs. Guyan Schmidt Friday evening. They brought some slides with them and the evening was spent viewing them.

Sept. 17, 1970 - Classified ad - For sale: 1969 Plymouth Road Runner, 28,000 miles, pasatraction, automatic transmission, \$2,000. Motley.

Sept. 17, 1970 - Classified ad - For sale: Newly remodeled and decorated 3 bedroom home. Carpeted. Many built-ins and large closets. Only \$9,800. Call Staples Realty.


Sept. 17, 1970 - Classified ad - Martha Says, “Some fathers who used to wear both belt and suspenders now have daughters who wear nothing else and call them bathing suits.” Before you buy insurance, see the Staples State Insurance Agency.

25 YEARS Ago - 1995



Mystery Photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our Sept. 24, 1970 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week’s paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo, published in the Sept. 10, 1970 edition of the Staples World, featured new teaching interns and assistant at the Staples Elementary School during the 1970 - 71 term. From left are Mrs. Marge Evans, Mary Jo Hudalla, Janet Olson, Kathy Tousley, Mrs. Dolores Manning, Kathy Wille and Cathy Egan.

Mary Jo (Hudalla) Hofer of Staples correctly identified five of the

the names Robert and Floyd Dunn, names that belonged to his grandfather’s two long-lost brothers.

Dunn explained that, according to his family’s stories, four or five of his grand-uncles left their home near Osakis in the early days of World War I. Rather than waiting to be drafted to fight in Europe, two of them went to Canada, not returning until several years after the war. When they finally came back, they asked what had happened to Robert and Floyd, who had never come to Canada. Since then, the family had always believed the two missing brothers had joined up with a traveling theatre group, but they never had any proof.

The names carved in the Batcher opera hall walls give a little credibility to that family tradition, however.

Now Dunn, a Minnesota playwright, director and producer whose profession has taken him to New York, Boston and Washington, D.C., has decided to settle down in a home at Sylvan Shores.

He and Joan Batcher have talked about a restoration project (for the opera house) and he has outlined a three-year plan of action for the project.

women pictured. She thought the context had to do with a grant written by Dick Hegre and Don Droubie regarding ‘Differentiated Staffing with Bemidji State University...a one year paid internship for BSU seniors.’ Mike Koppes of Staples correctly identified Marge Evans and Mary Jo Hofer, as well as the context of the photo. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

10 YEARS Ago - 2010


- Sept. 16, 2010 - “Please please, tell us where he is, pleaded Desiree Greenwaldt daughter of Peter Acher mann of Leader who disappeared July 24, 2009.
- “No tip is too small. No tip is too far out,” added Peter’s wife, Delaine.
- Desiree and Delaine are spreading the word that the \$20,000 reward for news of their father and husband has been extended. Originally, it was set to expire Sept. 15, 2010. It has now been extended for one year to Sept. 15, 2011.
- Sept. 16, 2010 - A high speed chase through Vern dale and Staples ended with a one-car rollover in Motley last Thursday night.
- The driver, while exiting the vehicle, refused to listen to verbal commands from officers and was tased. The driver was identified as Janet Lee Chasteen, 50 from Arkansas. She is being charged with felony fleeing from a police officer in a motor vehicle. She is being held in the Wadena County Jail on \$30,000 bond or \$30,000 cash bail.
- Sept. 16, 2010 - A community bonfire, snake dance and parade are new activities that will be part of the homecoming week at Staples Motley High School Sept. 20 - 25.




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**STAY SAFE MN**

Data confirms that wages go further in rural Minnesota

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Wages are lower in small towns and rural areas of Minnesota, but costs are also lower. It has been a long disputed argument over whether city or rural residents are getting a better deal.

A study by the Center for Rural Policy and Development (CRPD) has determined that the lower costs outweigh the lower wages, so rural communities can be a better financial arrangement for many people.

During a videoconference in July, Kelly Asche of the CRPD said wages are increasing faster in greater Minnesota, according to pre-COVID-19 statistics.

Factors in the study included cost of food, housing, health care, transportation, child care, taxes, education personal products and apparel.

Housing costs are around 33 percent lower in rural Minnesota and child care costs are 50 percent lower, compared to metro areas.

Rural transportation costs are reduced because 74 percent of rural residents commute to work in 10 minutes or less, with 90 percent commuting 30 minutes or less.

“Wages go farther, but the concentration of occupations matters,” said Asche. “It depends on how many

jobs and what types of jobs are in an area.”

Asche said north central Minnesota, especially in the tourist areas, have more service jobs and worse occupation grouping.

In central Minnesota, the study estimated an hourly wage of \$14 to \$16 per hour to meet the cost of living.

While the result shows a net positive for living in rural areas, the lower wages could be a problem when it comes to certain sectors. Asche said one reason there is a child care crisis in rural areas is people don’t have the high wages to pay for it.

“If people could pay more, we might have more child care and housing,” said Asche. “There has always been a child care shortage, now we’re in one of the worst places we’ve ever had.”

The result of the child care shortage is many people aren’t moving to the small towns until their children are elementary school age.

Small towns not dying

A second segment of the video had the latest findings from Ben Winchester at the U of M Extension Center For Small Towns and the latest findings from his research on Rewriting the Rural Narrative.

“If our small towns are dying, why can’t I find a house to live in there?” asked Winchester about the rural housing market.

While the economic picture has been smashed by COVID-19, right before it hit, there was a tight labor market and people were able to move where they wanted to go.

“People were choosing overwhelmingly to move to small towns,” said Winchester.

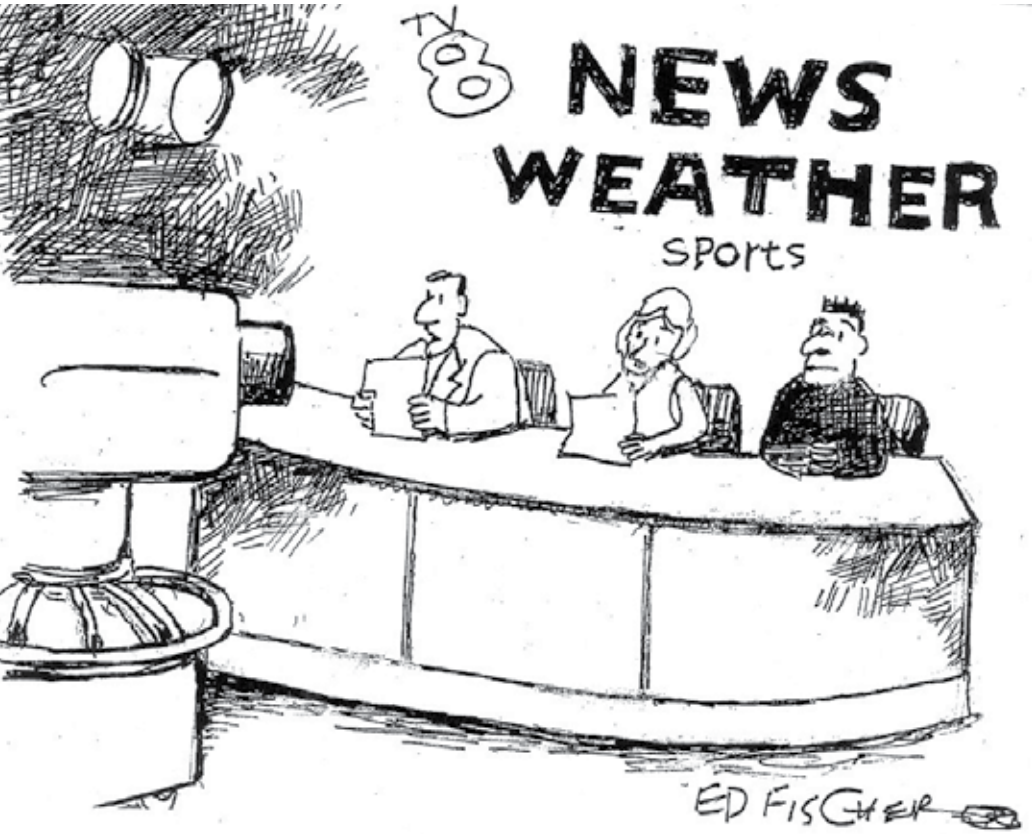
People choose small towns for their high ratings on safety, trust, schools, health care and natural amenities. The biggest factor is to find a good environment for raising children, with jobs, relatives and slower pace of life among the next top factors.

New residents can be valuable resources to a community. Statistics show that 18 percent of new rural residents currently own a business and 65 percent of them have created their own business.

The research shows people who feel the community is welcoming are more likely to plan to stay longer. Winchester recommended starting community engagement programs to get new residents involved in small ways. One suggestion was simply taking a new family out to eat to find out what they are interested in. Winchester said instead of asking newcomers to join a service club, ask if they can help at one event or for one project.

Quote of the week

“Describing her first day back in grade school after a long absence, a teacher said, ‘It was like trying to hold 35 corks under water at the same time.’”
— Mark Twain



ATV injuries increase during pandemic

By Mystique Macomber
Upper Midwest Agricultural
Safety and Health Center

The typical summer surge in all-terrain vehicle (ATV) injuries kicked off early this year, as children were out of school due to COVID-19 and parents struggled with child care and working from home.

“When school went out and kids were at home, we saw more injuries in general,” said Dr. Charles Jennissen, a pediatric emergency physician and clinical professor in the departments of pediatric and emergency medicine at University of Iowa, Carver College of Medicine. There were more bike injuries and ATV injuries, he said, noting the number and types of injuries were more like summertime.

Jennissen and colleagues in the Injury Free Coalition for Kids started a collaborative study to compare injuries during COVID-19 to a year ago. “Clearly, we are seeing more injuries, including of ATVs,” Jennissen said. Overall injuries are probably four to five times higher because many don’t go to the ER, he added. In the US, about 40,000 children under the age of 16 are treated in emergency departments for ATV-related injuries each year, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Sometimes, those injuries are fatal. In late March, a 5-year-old Alabama boy was riding ATVs with his

older brother on the family farm. The older brother noticed his little brother was no longer behind him. He went back and found the younger boy unconscious in a pond. He later died.

It was one of 10 incidents involving children and ATVs recorded in AgInjuryNews.org from March 1 through July 15. Five were fatal. AgInjuryNews.org, which began as a project within the National Children’s Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, Marshfield Clinic Research Institute, is an open-access online database that catalogs adult- and child-related agricultural injury reports from media and other sources. The database was used in a recent review of ATV and other off-road vehicle incidents published in the Journal of Medical Internet Research Public Health and Surveillance.

ATV Dangers

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children younger than 16 not operate ATVs. All-terrain vehicles with a saddle-seat and handle bars are relatively unsteady. They have a high center of gravity and narrow track, a combination that makes them a very high risk for rolling over, Jennissen said. They often have low-pressure tires that have knobby treads designed to grab off-road terrain.

“More kids in the US under 16 die from ATVs than bicycle crashes. Not older teens, children younger than 16. “We talk a lot about bicycle safety for kids, but this is a bigger killer, and we need to protect our children,” said Jennissen.

During the summer of 2018, Matthew Groppi investigated a high number of fatal ATV and UTV crashes as a recreational safety warden for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. “Out of all the incidents in summer of 2018, all that were fatal were the result of rollovers. Seatbelts and helmets — or lack thereof — were the contributing factor in all of those incidents.”

Between recent changes in state ATV/UTV laws and the COVID-19 situation, Groppi said DNR staff “have been doing a lot more to just try to put our message out there online or through the media and try to do more education in terms of these safety laws.”

On March 4, 2020, Wisconsin law changed to make it illegal for more than one person to ride on an ATV, unless it was manufactured

for two riders.

Jennissen and Groppi noted many children younger than 16 ride adult-sized vehicles. It can be a mismatch for physical and cognitive abilities, Jennissen said, because kids have to actively ride and shift to appropriately control a vehicle. Groppi said children who are 12 or 13 operating adult-size ATVs may not be able to tip them upright “if they would happen to roll it over or find themselves in some other difficult situation.”

Some states, including Wisconsin, have passed laws allowing municipalities to open their roads to ATVs. “It’s maybe taken a while to catch on, but in the past year, the number of municipalities and counties that have decided to open up their roads have increased significantly,” Groppi said.

Those restrictions fall away on private land, where a lot of crashes happen, said Groppi. He recounted a 2019 rollover in a front yard in which an adult died and three out of four children involved were injured, two seriously. “These (incidents) can still happen on private land. There is just as much of a risk on private land as a public area.”

Safety Initiatives

Jennissen has been working with an educational program called STARS, which provides safety tips for ATV riders. Organizers surveyed the first 5,000 students in the program and found 57 percent had been in a crash with an ATV. That included children who had ridden maybe one or two times. A crash was defined as hitting something, rolling over or being ejected from the vehicle.

“Most of the time they don’t get serious injuries, but on the flip side of that, a lot of times when in a crash, they think, ‘I was in a crash and nothing happened.’ Invincibility is reinforced. Next time maybe it won’t be something minor or no injuries,” Jennissen said.

The STARS rules include: Follow safety rules. Always wear a helmet. Never ride with passengers on the ATV. Never go on a road.

More than 70 organizations comprising the Childhood Agricultural Safety Network (CASN) have made ATV safety the centerpiece of their “I Didn’t KNOW” campaign. The network, facilitated by the National Children’s Center, will be updating resources and launching a new ATV safety campaign in the coming year.

Veterans Administration reminds us of Suicide Prevention Month

September is Suicide Prevention Month and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) wants to remind Veterans and their loved ones through the Be There campaign that small actions can make a big difference to Veterans experiencing difficult times.

During this and every month the St. Cloud VA remains committed to spreading awareness of suicide prevention to Veterans and their supporters and connecting them to the resources they need.

Be There suggests several simple actions that can help make a difference for a Veteran to include:

- Learning about the warning signs of suicide, found on the Veterans Crisis Line website.

- Watching the free S.A.V.E. training video to learn how to respond with

care and compassion if someone indicates they are having thoughts of suicide.

- Contacting VA’s Coaching Into Care program where a licensed psychologist or social worker will provide loved ones with guidance for motivating Veterans to seek support.

- Sharing stories of hope and recovery from VA’s Make the Connection.

- Reaching out to the Veterans in your life to show them you care by sending a check-in text, cook them dinner or simply asking, “How are you?”

For more information and resources visit BeThereForVeterans.com.

Community members interacting with Veterans are asked to #BeThere for them, and to know the local and national points of care that are available to them:

Veterans concerned

about mental health issues can receive same-day services at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center in Bldg. 111, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or from the Urgent Care Clinic in Bldg. 1, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 365 days a year. Veterans can also call a VA Nurse at 320-252-1670, and Press 3, 24 hours a day.

Veterans with thoughts of suicide or harming themselves or others should call the Veterans Crisis Line to receive free, confidential support and crisis intervention available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, text to 838255, or chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, or call 911 or go to the nearest community hospital emergency department.

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Staples Police report

On Aug. 24, around 4:24 a.m., Staples Police assisted the Morrison County Sheriff's Department with a motor vehicle pursuit on US Highway 10, which started in the city of Motley. Law enforcement pursued the suspect into Wadena County, where the pursuit was terminated in the interest of public safety. Morrison County Sheriff's Department is continuing the investigation.

On Aug. 26, Staples Police responded to Wisconsin Avenue SE for the report of a subject armed with a knife causing damage to property. The subject refused to comply with of-

ficer's orders to drop the weapon, and was tased and taken into custody. Police arrested Kevin Harris, 62, for 2nd degree assault, domestic assault, damage to property, and disorderly conduct.

On Aug. 27, at 11:13 p.m., Staples Police responded to a report of a vehicle which had been traveling on US Highway 10. The vehicle sustained damage to its window, causing the window to break and glass to fall on the driver, causing them to bleed. Police responded, along with the Staples Ambulance. Upon investigation, it appeared that the driver had struck

a deer, causing the driver's side window to break, while the vehicle was traveling westbound on US Highway 10. The driver was checked out by the Staples Ambulance.

On Aug. 28, Staples Police received a report of a census worker that came to a residence to ask questions. The complainant stated they didn't want the census worker at their residence. Police asked the complainant if they asked the census worker to leave. They stated they did not and wanted the police department to advise the census worker.

On Aug. 28, Staples Police responded to the city of Motley to assist the Morrison County Sheriff's Department with a report of an assault at the Holiday gas station. Tyrone Washington, 52, was arrested in the incident.

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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
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
204 5th St. NE, Staples..... 218-894-2571
Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor/Youth Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering..... 10:00 a.m.
Facebook Live..... 10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel..... 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer..... 6:30 p.m.

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

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Leader..... 218-397-2470
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Sunday Worship
January - July..... 9 a.m.
July - January..... 11 a.m.

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Motley 56466..... 218-352-6888
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Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
Youth Group..... 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

St. Michael
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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
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Sunday Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting..... 8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
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218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Pillager

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

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

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

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

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

Verndale

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
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.

“Seek God For The City”

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

As I write this article, I am thinking about how much my wife and I enjoy living in this city. Because I love this city and am truly concerned for everyone living here, I join with several pastors from both Staples and Motley once a week to pray for needs that are presented. Years ago we used a book published by WayMakers called “Seek God For The City”. This book was a great tool to help us pray for God’s blessing on our cities. The book concentrates on specific groups of people to be prayed for, and spans 40 days of prayer. In my opinion, every type of people possible are represented. It’s quite an eye-opener as to how many people I normally miss in my prayer life. The suggestions for prayer in this book really bring out a much broader perspective as to who I should be praying for in our community. Also during the 40 days of prayer, the book includes people of nations I’ve never heard of before. Many of these nations have never experienced the abundance we have in America, but

God will pour out His blessings on all - that is what we need to be believing as we pray!

As I already mentioned, I enjoy our city and what it provides. We have great people who line up events for our kids, teens and even adults. In all that, we need God more than ever! And that’s why we are getting together to pray for God to reveal himself to us and that we would respond in repentance. I encourage everyone to join in - you can even search online if you need more ideas on who to pray for. LET’S SEEK GOD FOR THE CITIES OF STAPLES AND MOTLEY!

Heavenly Father, my prayer is that our cities would seek after your truth and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Bless our city leaders, businesses, families and churches. Heal the sick, set free those who have habits that hinder them spiritually, physically and financially. Bring your love, peace, joy and faith that money cannot buy. And last but not least, bring us to repentance of our own sins. Amen.

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Tennis team drops close match to section rivals

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team lost a narrow match 4-3 to New London-Spicer on Sept. 1. The match came down to the final matchups, and the number three doubles team of Corrine Olson and Amy Rollins nearly turned the outcome when they went into a third set, only to lose narrowly, 7-5.

This match could be crucial for the section seedings, as both teams could be

seeded for the tournament.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, New London-Spicer 4

Singles

Lauren Rutten L 1-6, 1-6; Rose Han L 1-6, 1-6; 3. Allison Knosalla W 6-4, 6-3; Kenzie Erickson L 1-6, 1-6

Doubles

Haley Cichos/Jenna Dvorak W 6-1, 6-3; Georgia Kruchten/Tess Jones W 6-3, 6-2; Corrine Olson/ Amy Rollins L 2-6, 6-4, 5-7



Georgia Kruchten



Fishing off the dock

Area children hoped to reel in a big fish at Dower Lake in Staples Aug. 21. From left are Evan Alexander, Jackson Alexander, Aliza Alexander, all of Staples;

and Taylin Lind of Cushing. In addition to fishing, the young people enjoyed swimming at the lake. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Sports during COVID-19

The Staples-Motley tennis team greeted their opponents while wearing masks, one of the new COVID-19 rules for sports teams this season. Once they

are introduced and take the court, the players can remove the masks. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Fun at the beach

Timothy Lind of Cushing and Ethan Alexander of Staples enjoyed the sandy beach at Dower Lake in Staples Aug. 21. After covering their bodies with mud, the boys rinsed off (and cooled off) in the

water. With temperatures nearing 90 degrees that day, the lake offered respite from the heat and humidity. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Ready to cheer, waiting for the games to start

Varsity football and volleyball are on hold until spring, but the cheerleading teams will be ready when the season starts. Pictured, Staples-Motley cheerleaders help

conduct the Cheerleader Jamboree this summer, sponsored by Staples-Motley Community Education. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Help for non-profits affected by COVID-19

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

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

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

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

At the Aug. 25 Staples

Economic Development Authority meeting, Radermacher said the loans are for non-profits with higher overhead such as rent or salaries. They must be able to show that the COVID-19 pandemic or state stay-at-home orders affected their ability to raise funds or hold meetings.

Also at the meeting, Rick Utech of the Todd County Development Corporation said that Todd County also has grants available to non-profits. A non-profit can request funds from both grants, but they can't use both grants to pay for the same expenses.

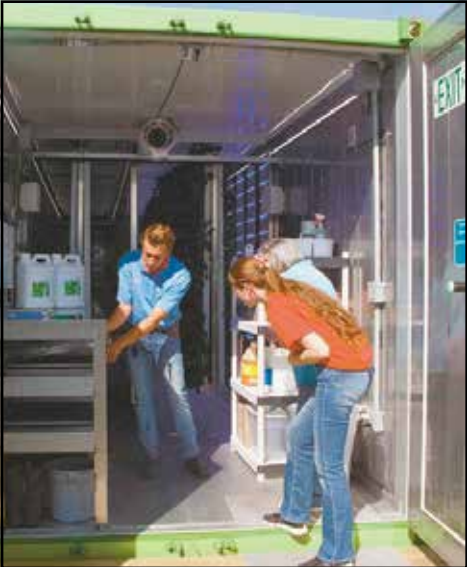
For the Todd County loan, the application period ended Aug. 28, but a second round is expected to be announced as soon as the first grants are approved on Sept. 15.



Kale up close

The Aug. 21 Field Day at Central Lakes College was the first chance for many people in the community to get an up close view of the experimental kale pod at the Ag and Energy Center. Pictured, student intern Noah Boelter shows how they start the young kale plants on

the lower shelf, before they are put onto the growing wall (above photo). The plants are fed hydroponically using the nutrient mixes shown on the table. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



VFW and Auxiliary Patriotic Essay Contests

The Wadena VFW Post 3922 and its Auxiliary are again sponsoring the annual Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy essay/scholarship contests for students in Bertha-Hewitt, Sebek, Staples-Motley, Verndale and Wadena-Creek Schools; home-school students are also invited to enter their age-appropriate contest. Entries must be submitted to school contact persons by Monday, October 26.

The Patriot's Pen essay contest encourages area 7th and 8th grade students to write a 300-400 word essay discussing the topic "What is Patriotism to Me?" The top national prize is \$5,000 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.; local prizes will also be awarded at each participating school as well as by Post 3922.

The Voice of Democracy audio-essay contest is open to students in grades 9-12. Entrants must prepare and record on an audio CD or a flash drive a 3-5 minute speech on the topic "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"

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On August 31, at 2:04 p.m., a Wadena County Deputy conducted a traffic stop near the Staples Airport on a Kia Sorento for a registration violation.

While the Deputy was conducting the traffic stop, the driver, who the Deputy identified as 39 year old Renee Schweikert of Morton, fled from the Deputy in the Kia Sorento.

Schweikert fled north bound on Airport Rd, then turned and proceeded north bound on Wadena County

Road 30. The Deputy pursued Schweikert for approximately five miles before she pulled over and was taken into custody without incident.

Schweikert is being held in the Wadena County jail and a formal criminal complaint is pending with the Wadena County Attorney's Office.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Staples Police Department and Scott's Southtown Towing of Staples.



Flowers to make life bright

James and Lilly Barka enjoy a sunflower Lilly picked to take home as part of the Central Lakes College Field Day. Children were invited to pick other vegetables in the garden, as well as a few flowers. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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