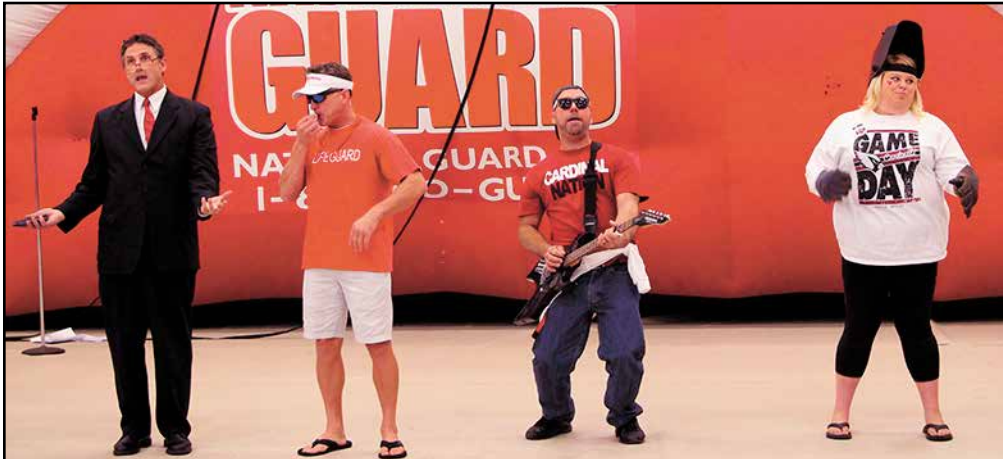




Music makers set the mood
The Staples-Motley pep band rocked the gym during the pep fest.



The other Homecoming football game
Staples-Motley High School girls showed they have football skills during the powderpuff football game, part of Homecoming activities on Sept. 28. Above, Mady Hull is chased by seniors Larken Hirschey and Kiera Dumpprope. Below, Mackenna Bjerga and Tabetha Allen go up to catch a pass. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Staff performs for students
At the Homecoming pep fest, Staples-Motley staff put a skit together to let students know what they would be if they weren't teachers. From left, Kermit Klefsaas as a lawyer, Tab Erickson as a lifeguard, Jim Opelia as a rock star and Lacey Hanson as a welder. It turns out they would all rather be teachers.



Cardinal group cheer
Staples-Motley cheerleaders got Homecoming candidates and football players out onto the floor to lead a cheer during the Homecoming pep fest on Sept. 28 at the high school gym. Behind them is the National Guard inflatable obstacle course where students were able to participate in timed trials during the week.





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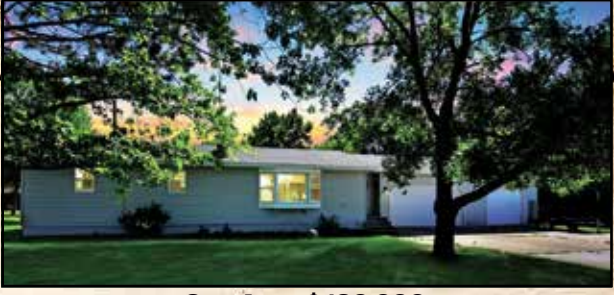
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Erholtz offers marketing help for BUILD 2170

be in dollars, noted Bryan Winkels, but also in the better use of staff time.

Elementary principal Kathy Johnson asked about the expense of remodeling and thought it didn't make sense to put money into a short term fix.

Winkels agreed but said, for example, if they could spend \$100,000 to save \$300,000, that would be a net positive.

If the building referendum doesn't pass, Chad Longbella suggested perhaps putting grades K-6 at the elementary school and 7-12 at the high school.

"We can't keep doing business as three buildings," Longbella said.

Freeman asked the board and administrators to brainstorm options and offered a couple of ideas to consider.

One was the possibility to partner with Central Lakes College, noting they have space, i.e., for students taking online classes. They also offer some career and technical education programs similar to what the high school offers.

Superintendent Ron Bratlie said he and high school principal Mike Schmidt have begun those discussions.

Freeman also suggested taking a look at the Pre-K programs and evaluating which are the most valuable for getting children ready for school.

"Do we want to be in the daycare business?" she asked.

Freeman emphasized the many valuable programs already offered in the schools and wondered "What's going to be our diamond?" meaning what programs should be the facets to make the whole district shine.

Another possibility Bratlie offered was for the district office to be moved

to the former Twin City Optical building on 4th St. NE in Staples that the district recently purchased. That would free up space in the high school building.

"Build 2170" has been the theme for the proposed building project. Both Longbella and Winkels said, to them, that wasn't only the physical new and remodeled building space, but also the culture of the school.

The board directed Bratlie to work with the principals to develop different scenarios and to try to assign some preliminary dollar figures to them. These will be discussed at a future meeting.

"We've talked about a lot of things," Bratlie said. "Now we need to funnel down to the next year and what we can do."

Marketing

During the building steering committee meetings, some time has been spent on how the district can best get the information about the building project out to the public.

Heather Erholtz presented some ideas and an outline of how she would organize a marketing plan at the work session.

Erholtz grew up in Staples and graduated from high school here. Her three children attend school here. Her career is in marketing, including time at Lakewood Health System and as the owner of her own marketing firm. She is currently employed by a health system in Jamestown, N. D.

Erholtz said she was not looking for compensation but was willing to share her time and talents because of her deep connection to the community. She had specific ideas on how that could work.

She asked for one point

person within the district. Information would be funneled through that person to her. She also requested team captains for each of the constituencies the district wanted to reach, i.e., parents, teachers, students, businesses, etc. Those captains would report what were the most important aspects of the project so their questions could be answered and their needs met.

Bratlie asked about how she would fit into the rest of the construction team, i.e., the architect, mechanical engineer, construction manager, etc.

Winkels noted that they would all provide pieces of the information and would have a role, but "they do not drive the message."

Brad Anderson said he also thought it was two different things. Those construction firms can provide the content and Erholtz could devise how to present it.

After the work session, during the special meeting, the board approved a motion to allow Bratlie to work with Erholtz as a marketing consultant.

Also during the work session the board discussed the search for a permanent superintendent and the characteristics they would like to see in that person.

Excellent communication skills topped the discussion. Other attributes included collaboration with staff and community to improve the culture at the school and knowledge of school financing.

They briefly reviewed a previous listing and agreed to edit that before the next meeting on Oct. 22. The next step will be a meeting with the Minnesota School Boards Association. That group has been contracted to assist with the search.

Staples-Motley teachers help community with Paint The Town

Staples-Motley school staff painted a house on Sept. 22 as part of the Paint The Town program. Pictured at right, Cindy Koopmann and Kerry Lindgren climb ladders to scrape loose paint. Below, Sandy Opheim gets to work painting a balcony. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Casey's opens with a big crowd

Casey's convenience store workers paused for a moment on their busy first day of business on Sept. 28. From left, Lateesha Rieck, Mike Struthers, Store Manager Lynda White and Lynn Weekley. The new store and gas station on Highway 10 in Staples offered prizes for customers who spun their wheel of prizes, below. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Solar, rental code discussed at P&Z

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

A report from the Planning and Zoning Commission was the topic of discussion at the Sept. 25 Staples City Council meeting. Solar power installations at Central Lakes College will require re-zoning portions of the campus, according to City Administrator Jerel Nelsen. A public hearing was set for Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 5 p.m. to discuss the re-zoning.

Also, the Planning and Zoning Commission is developing a new Rental Housing Maintenance Code. They now have a draft prepared.

The council approved two items at the short meeting:

- A request to sub-divide the parcel where the new professional building is being constructed along Highway 10, so the lot can be owned by two entities, Staples Eye Clinic and Lakeland Dental Clinic.

- Request from Sacred Heart Catholic Church to conduct bingo.

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Batcher Building plans continue to show promise

Paul Bunyan trail systems, as there are plans for those trails to expand to Pillager.

The city already has a Sourcewell Innovation Funding grant that will cover part of the study and Radermacher said she is applying for other grants to make up the \$6,000 needed. Radermacher asked the SEDA Board if SEDA funds could be used to make up the difference if grants don't come through. The board agreed to the proposal.

Radermacher said the study will include a drone flight video along the suggested routes for a possible trail.

Mayor Chris Etzler suggested the city get other entities to contribute to the study, such as townships and counties that the trail will pass through.

Case suggested getting snowmobile trail groups involved, also.

Batcher Building

Radermacher discussed the continuing plans to renovate the Batcher Building in Staples. She said Colleen Frost has plans to re-open it as a conference center, restaurant and pub, with other enterprises to go along with it.

She said that since it is such a unique building, there are dollars available to invest in it. "It's going to cost more, but it will also bring in more money," she said about the proposed renovation.

Mayor Chris Etzler said the renovation could drastically change downtown. He agreed the plan is realistic. "I don't think it's that far-fetched," said Etzler.

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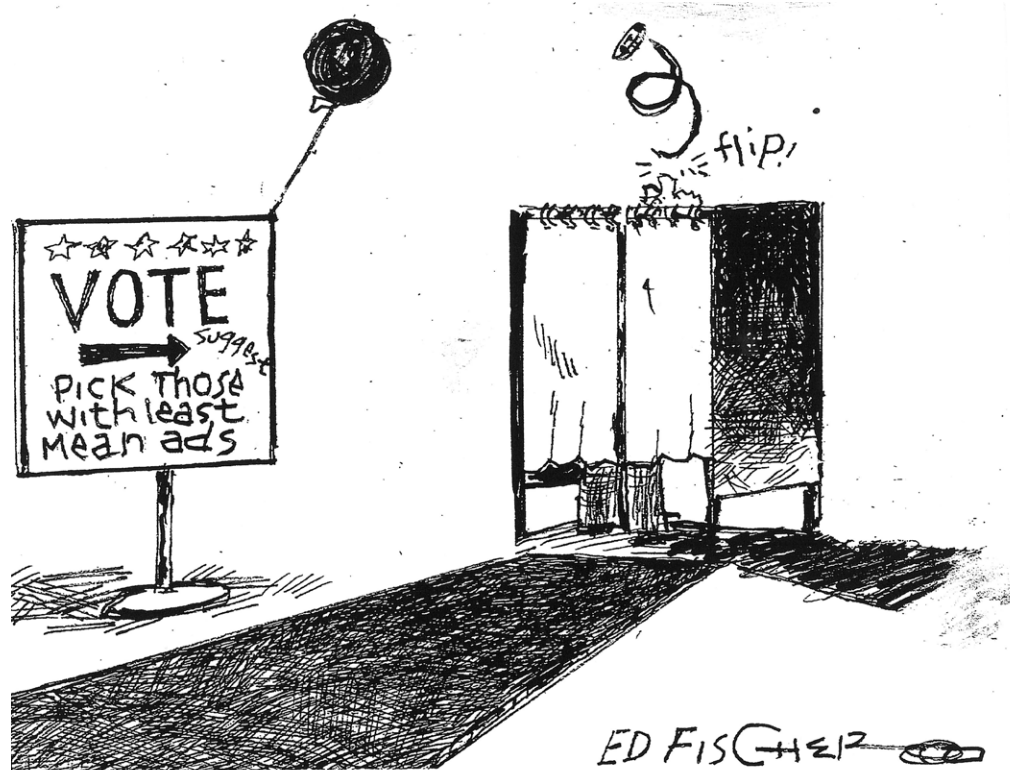
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Help for victims of domestic violence

Connie Nelson
Hands of Hope Resource Center

Every month on our calendars is a commemoration of awareness of one thing or another. October seems to have a theme of sorts. It's Domestic Violence Awareness Month, National Bullying Month, National Crime Prevention month and also Safe Schools has an awareness week during October. Very fitting, as all of these concerns go hand in hand.

As communities, I would imagine that we do all we can to keep our schools safe, inside and out, structurally and behaviorally. We do all kinds of bullying campaigns, have zero tolerance policies and hold bullies accountable for their actions.

We do all we can to prevent crimes in our neighborhoods. We have Neighborhood Watch organizations, law enforcement cruising our streets and roads and cell phones to snap pictures of anything that we think is unusual.

So how about Domestic Violence, what do we do about that? Do we call law enforcement when we hear screams coming from our neighbor's home? Do we intervene when an abuser is name calling or otherwise acting with violent tendencies? Do we listen to someone when they want to talk to us about what's happening to them in their home and let them know we are there for them?

Do we make a referral to Hands of Hope Resource Center, where victims can share their story with assured confidentiality and respect from advocates that are

trained to assist them in finding resources such as housing, counseling, financial assistance and other needed resources? Hands of Hope can also provide safe housing and/or connect victims with shelters, if that is what is needed. All services are free of charge.

I know that we don't want to believe that people can do the terrible things that we hear about every week on the news, specifically those who are supposed to love and care for one other.

In the United States at least three persons lose their life to domestic violence each day. That is over 1,000 people a year killed by an intimate partner. Ninety-four percent of victims are female and, according to statistics, over 50 percent of those deaths were committed by a firearm.

In 2018 so far, Minnesota had 11 deaths due to domestic violence. Since 2000, Minnesota has had 565 known deaths due to domestic violence. Todd County had two deaths in 2017. That is an enormous amount of loss and grief for families, our communities, states and the nation.

If you know someone in an abusive relationship, please reach out to make a difference.

Hands of Hope Resource Center is located at 347 Central Ave. in Long Prairie. Call 320-732-2319 or the crisis line at 800-682-4547. Or, reach out on the internet, Facebook or Instagram. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

What it means to live in polarized times

By Lee H. Hamilton

We live in a divided country, and I don't just mean politically.

Our economy is creating winners and losers, with no clear way up the ladder for millions of Americans. The last few decades have produced great inequality of wealth and, with it, unequal access to the levers of power. We're split along regional lines. We're divided along rural and urban lines. We increasingly struggle with differences of race, religion, and class.

We're also divided politically and ideologically. Abortion, gun rights, same-sex marriage, the use and abuse of police power, curbs on corporate power, environmental protection: these issues elicit strong feelings and cut deeply through the electorate.

They're also reflected in the overt partisan divisions that show up in elections, and thus in legislatures and Congress. The parties in many ways play a more important role in how people vote and how they think about political issues than we usually imagine. Although there are plenty of Americans who disdain party allegiance, many of us lean toward one party or the other and, whether we acknowledge it or not, more often than not follow its lead and vote for its candidates.

These divides are permeating our politics in ways that, a generation ago, would have been unthinkable. It's not just that public debate has become coarser, less civil and more mean-spirited. It's that partisanship is being woven into places we once believed were safe from it, such as the courts. Witness the current debate over the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme

Court.

So what do we do about this? The answer, actually, is not complicated.

We have to boost public understanding about how to participate in the process. We have to be more mindful about the quality of public dialogue. We have to appreciate the roles of cooperation, collaboration and compromise in a representative democracy.

We have to vote for and value leaders who deal with opponents not as enemies, but with respect, civility and a recognition that they share more in common than divides them.

This means listening carefully and trying to understand the other's point of view. It means figuring out how to accommodate differences, so that rather than every fight producing winners and losers, everyone can walk away with something gained.

It means striving not to destroy your opponent, but instead persuading her or him to reach a result that helps everyone claim some measure of success. It means recognizing we're all in this together, that we're all searching for the common good.

Because in the end, the political process depends on personal relationships, the bonds between key actors, including elected politicians, their staff, their supporters and others, not just in politics at the federal level. It's everyone from members of Congress to state legislators to township trustees.

We must not let the political extremes dominate discourse. They don't reflect the views of most Americans, who tend to value moderation.

The greatness of our country rests on shared ideals that go beyond party labels. Most Americans

want to believe that better days are ahead, that progress is possible and that major policy disagreements may not be easily resolved, but do yield to discussion that is carried on rationally and with civility and respect.

This is not just wishful thinking. There are real-world examples. For instance, the divisions we've faced in foreign policy have often been mitigated when political opponents shared the view that U.S. leadership is good for the world. Or, on the domestic side, divergent views on how to provide affordable healthcare to all have been brought together by addressing incremental steps.

One peculiarity of this time of great unease, when lack of confidence in the country and its institutions is rampant and our differences are accentuated, is that it comes at a moment of economic growth. In the past, it's usually been a sour economy that exacerbated divisions.

That's a puzzle, but it's also an opportunity. It means that we have a prosperous economic backdrop that should allow us more easily to find common ground with one another, as I've seen happen in the past. It's time to step up our game, move past our differences and propel the country forward.

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Placing local food on school lunch trays

By Sandra Renner,
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Engaged communities and connections with farmers are helping make school lunches even better in rural communities. Across the country, kids are reaping the benefits and heading back to school with local foods on their plates.

Initiatives are being implemented throughout the U.S. In one state, "Nebraska Thursdays" urges participating schools to serve a locally-sourced meal in their cafeterias on the first Thursday of each month. Sourcing local products encourages fresh and healthy meals in the school cafeteria, educates students about agriculture and boosts the area's economy.

The project began with five pilot schools where

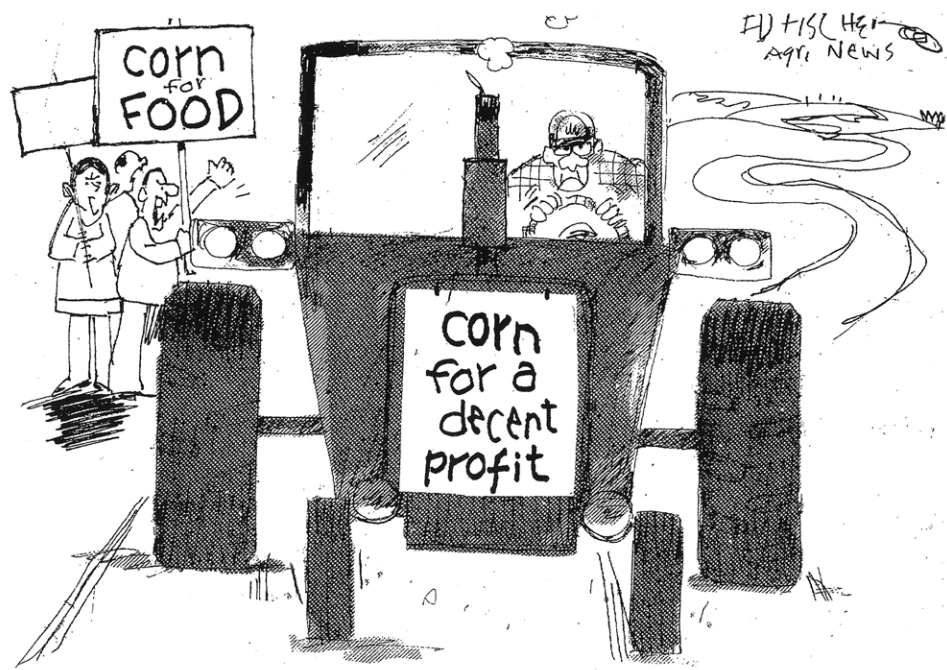
lunchroom staff helped develop menus and other resources. Each of the pilot schools were already implementing various types of local foods into their menus. Nebraska's approach to Farm to School is about meeting schools where they are at and building programs one local food menu at a time.

Efforts in Nebraska last year impacted 42,000 students and resulted in thousands of food dollars staying in the state. According to the National Farm to School Network, each dollar invested in farm to school stimulates an additional \$0.60 to \$2.16 of local economic activity. In Oregon, this has resulted

in \$1.4 million overall contribution to the state.

October is National Farm to School Month so now is the time to connect with local schools and learn about their plans to promote healthy eating and locally-produced foods. You can learn about the Center for Rural Affairs' efforts at cfra.org/f2s.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.



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October 8

CELIAC DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP Mtg Mon., Oct. 8, 6 p.m., Wadena Alliance Church, 1428 S. Jefferson St., Wadena. For info., 218-631-2170.

October 11

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Mtg Thurs., Oct. 11, 7:30 - 9:45 p.m., Wadena VFW. Larry Fruetel, caller; Donna Stone, cuer. For info., 320-760-6043.

October 16, 17

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - WALK IN sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Oct. 16, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340.

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Senior LinkAge Line Speaker at Center

On Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. the Staples Senior Center will host a speaker from the Senior LinkAge Line Service out of St. Cloud.

The Senior LinkAge Line is a free service of the state of Minnesota that connects older Minnesotans and their families with the help they need.

The speaker will be talking about new Medicare changes, including new Medicare cards and the changes some people will see on their supplemental insurance coverages.

If you would like to have lunch at the Senior Center, following the event, call 218-894-2256 by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 9.



Staples Fire Dept. open house Oct. 12

The Staples Fire Department open house will be held Friday, Oct. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. Last year's event included the North Memorial helicopter landing in front of the fire hall on 4th Street. The helicopter is slated to arrive again, weather permitting. Staples firefighters offer an evening meal of hot dogs, sloppy Joe's and 'Firemen's' beans; demonstrations including an automobile rescue (left); kitchen fires as well as visiting rescue, fire, police and DNR personnel. (Staples World file photos)

Staples City Council

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

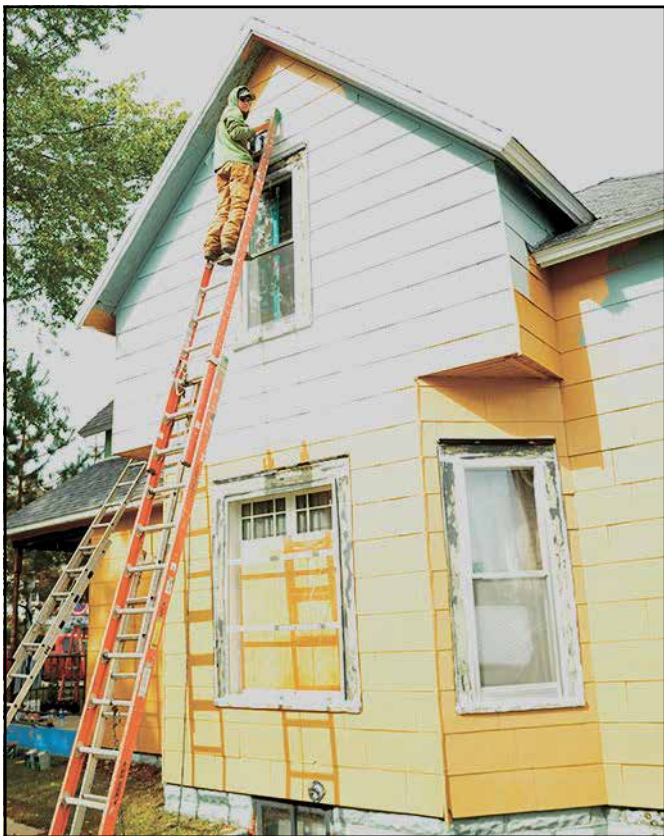
Preliminary agenda items include:

- Hold Public hearing and consider adoption of Resolution 1737 for Special Assessment on parcel 38-00117105 in the amount of \$1,747.10 to be assessed over 15 years at 5.5 percent.
- Presentation by Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities - Elizabeth Wefel.
- Consider request for 2019 funding of \$1 per capita from Hilltop Regional Kitchen.
- Consider Resolution 1738 Appointing Election Judges for the November 6, 2018 General Election.
- Consider setting a public hearing date of November 13 at 7 p.m. for nuisance property assessments at 1402 E 3rd St NE and 320 5th St NE.
- Consider authorizing three - one day consumption and display permits for Community Education to conduct art classes at the Community Center.
- Committee reports: Staples Economic Development Authority, and Tourism Marketing Board.
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report.



Volunteers at work 'painting the town'

Members of the Staples Rotary Club along with other volunteers joined in the Paint the Town event at the Russ and Deb Jordan home at 426 7th St. NE on Sept. 26. The crew had scraped, caulked windows and siding before they began painting - a Cape Cod tan color. Above: Painters included, Al Kolling, Chuck Horsager (on ladder), Jerel Nelsen, Marv Rothstein (on the porch roof), Bob Hamman and Ancher Nelsen. The Paint the Town program in Staples includes local businesses and service organizations volunteering their time and efforts to paint six homes in need.



Left: Ancher Nelsen "volunteered" for high end painting while, below, Connie Rothstein opted to paint the lower sections. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Mike Lein brings northwoods humor to Wadena's Book Ends

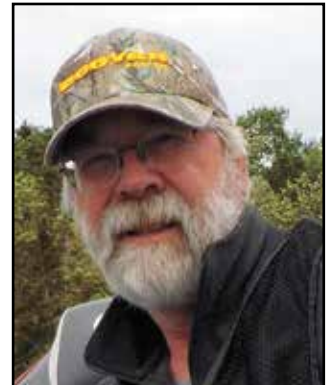
Twenty years ago, Mike Lein and wife Marci of the Twin Cities western suburbs bought a chunk of lakeshore up here in the Northwoods and proceeded to build a cabin. You know the challenges, the surprises, the trials they would experience. They didn't. Mike recorded it all in a book of cabin stories entitled Firewood Happens. It won first place in the Midwest Book Awards for humor in 2017. He followed that with a second book of cabin stories, Down at the Dock, which won the same award in 2018.

Mike's stories and essays on hunting dogs, old chainsaws, colorful locals and watching the sunrise

from the dock with a hot cup of coffee have been published in over 25 magazines, including DNR's "Minnesota Volunteer."

Mike is the October guest author of Book Ends, the monthly meet-the-author event at The Uptown cafe in Wadena. The program begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, with conversation about stories and writing and concludes at noon with book sales and autographs. Attendees are encouraged to stay for lunch with the author.

"Mike's stories are witty, perceptive and respectful," says moderator Jerry Mevissen. "Anyone who enjoys the outdoors will connect with them. They belong on



every nature lover's bookshelf."

Spring erosion prevention

Fall is the perfect time to plan for spring soil erosion prevention.

Producers often prepare the land in the fall for spring planting by plowing, adding manure or tilling. Have you tried no-till or spring tillage? Leaving residue on the surface disperses the impact of the raindrop and armors the soil from being pounded apart. Soil particles, when pounded enough, will separate from one another and run off the field, taking with it vital nutrients.

Invest in your soil

Cover crops add diversity into your rotation. The variety of crops available for fall seeding is outstanding and can accomplish a variety of soil building characters.

Hard pan a problem
There are deep rooted

crops that can penetrate the hard pan. No need to run the "big" tractor to pull the DMI (think fuel savings). Are there excess nutrients running off the field or leaching into the groundwater? There are cover crops that will take up nutrients and hold them in the soil surface for release in the spring for your other crops.

The goal is to stop erosion before it starts and to build healthy sustainable soils.

Submitted by Todd County Soil and Water District

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Meeting Nitro

Wadena County Sheriff Mike Carr and Deputy Troy Wangsness demonstrated the new dog in their K-9 unit, Nitro, to the Staples Host Lions Club at a recent meeting. (Submitted photo)

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Kelly and Trent Fisher of Backus, a baby boy, John Duane weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on September 23, 2018.

Born to Abby and Jason Burg of Wadena, a baby girl, Emerson Grace weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on September 25, 2018.

Born to Shaylah and Ethan Puttonen of Menahga, a baby boy, Colt Eames weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on September 26, 2018.

Born to Cyndi and Marcus Dejesus of Little Falls, a baby boy, Bjorn James weighing eight pounds, three ounces on September 26, 2018.

Born to Kendra and Nick Johnson of Motley, a baby girl, Reagan Marie weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on September 26, 2018.

Born to Heidi and James David of Pillager, a baby boy, Rutlan Fern weighing nine pounds on September 27, 2018.

Born to Mythanne and Jace Thompson of Motley, a baby girl, Macklee Marie weighing seven pounds, six ounces on September 27, 2018.

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

Born to Amalia Yungbauer and Ricky Richards of Pine River, a baby girl, LillyAnne Amalia Richards weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on September 26, 2018.

Grandparents are Dan and Marilyn Yungbauer and Rod and Nancy Richards.

Born to Leif and Kristy Storbakken of Princeton, a baby girl, Greta Luann weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on September 16, 2018.

Siblings are Sven, Elsa, Nels, Olaf and Bjorn. Grandparents are Darrel and Luann Lind of Ogema, WI and Ron and Sue Storbakken of Staples.

Care Center activities

Weds., Oct. 24, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Lincoln Ldies Aid

Mon., Oct. 27, 10:00 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Thurs., Oct. 30, 2:15 p.m. Church-Staples Church of Christ; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge



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Minnesota Sings! contestants

The 5th Annual Minnesota Sings! contest was held Sept. 29 and 30, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Woodbury. Four area young people participated, having qualified by winning at the Motley Sings! and Staples Sings! contests this past summer. Pictured, from

left, are Coleman Klimek and Jaydon Friedel, representing Staples; and Jenessa Iverson and Vera Robinson, representing Motley. Iverson advanced to the top 16, but was not one of the top prize winners. (Submitted photo)



Attended Rotary youth leadership camp

Jack Tyrrell, left, Rylie Rau and Emmitt Winkels joined 130 other campers at the 27th annual District 5580 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Camp on the University of Minnesota Crookston campus July 8-14. They were sponsored by the Staples Rotary Club. Campers attended from Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada. RYLA

is a youth leadership camp that gives high school students hands-on learning experiences and sessions to build upon their own leadership skills. The curriculum is designed to expand, improve and refine the participants' leadership skills and send each camper home with the confidence and tools to lead within their own community. (Submitted photo)



Staples tennis club travels to U.S. Open

From left, Jos Melse, Mark Hazel, Dick Neumann and John Neumann, members of the Staples Area Tennis and Culinary Club, at the U.S. Open Tennis Tournament in August. The club consists of area residents who play tennis in Staples on Mondays and Thursdays in the spring and summer, usually from 4:45 to 7 p.m. The group came up with the idea for the trip after one of their tennis sessions (and enjoying the culinary portion

Obituaries

Evelyn Holmberg

Evelyn E. Holmberg, 90, of Motley passed away at her home on September 29, 2018.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Fri., Oct. 5 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Motley, with Pastor Paul Koehler officiating. Visitation is Thurs., Oct. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Motley.

Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Care, Staples.

Evelyn was born February 1, 1928 to Elizabeth and Andrew Haak in Sanborn. She married Dale F. Holmberg on October 23, 1944.

She is survived by six daughters, Sharon Halligan of St. Paul, Cheryl Hejhal of Park Rapids, Audrey (Pat) McCauley of Northfield, Debbie (Les) Leek of Zim, Cindy Schifsky of Cambridge, Wendy (Jerry) Daniels of St. Paul;



three sons, David (Karen) Holmberg of Motley, Donnie Holmberg of Maple Grove, Duane Holmberg of Willernie, many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Lyla Holmberg of Motley and Darlene Clark of Cross Lake; brother-in-law, Darrell (Jeanine) Holmberg of Lambertson.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters, Maxine Lotzer and Bernice Pieske and one brother, Laverne Haak.

George Pipek

George E. Pipek, 90, of Staples passed away September 26, 2018, at Lakewood Care Center in Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial was held October 1 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with Father Joe Korf presiding.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

George was born on August 13, 1928 to Marie (Zelane) and John Pipek in Browerville. He joined the Army in 1950. Following his discharge, he returned to his job as clerk for the NP Railroad and working for the U.S. Postal Service. He married Delores M. Martin on October 13, 1950.

George enjoyed his work life including sodding and tree trimming. Following his retirement he took up woodworking, a self-taught hobby. It all began in Dan's garage and progressed to his own wood working shop. He also enjoyed watching birds and wildlife in his back yard.

His memberships included the Lions Club and



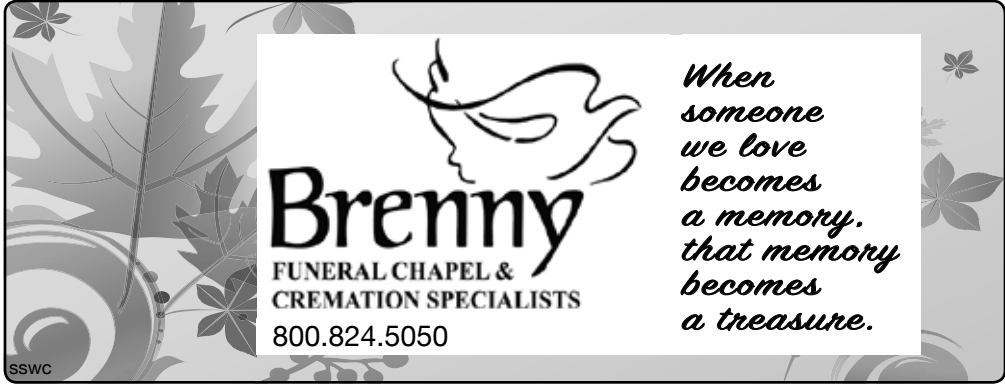
the Knights of Columbus. George loved his family. He will be remembered for his singing and dancing at family gatherings.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Karen (Tom) Schuster of Plains, MT, Diane (Chuck) Gillespie of Staples, Pam (Greg) Schmitz of Perham and two sons, Gary (Karen) Pipek of Staples and Dan (Anna) Pipek of Staples; 24 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and one sister, Barb Kulick of Anoka.

George is preceded in death by his parents and four sisters, Albina, Millie, Lillian and Ella.

Student Achievements

SARAH NEURURER, Motley, recently graduated from the University of North Dakota with a Master of Science degree.

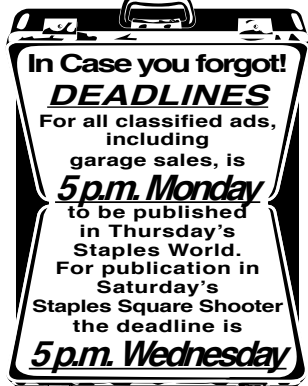


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Fiber Arts Trail travels through Staples

The Weaving Waters Fiber Arts Trail offered two stops in Staples Sept. 21, with classes and vendors at the Landmark Inn; and an Open Studio at the home of artist Pam Collins. Above, members of the Piecemakers Quilt Club give a quilt turning demonstration at the Landmark Inn, showcasing a total of 10 quilts and reading the history of each. From left with a quilt made by the late Ethel Gerrels (grandmother of Kathy Odden of Staples) are Judy Droubie, Lisa Kajer and Stephanie Leslie. Seated, from

left, are Jean Bartos, Ketchikan, Alaska; Bonnie Bartos and her dog, Ranger, from Wadena; and Louie Bartos, Ketchikan. The Bartos family said they are very involved in textile arts back home, and had been enjoying the various stops along the Weaving Waters Fiber Arts Trail. Below, artist Pam Collins (second from right) gives a fabric painting demonstration at her studio. Watching, from left, are Addy Trettel, Robbinsdale; Rayman Smith, Chaska; and Bea, from Cushing. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Sept. 25 - The MPD issued a citation to Heidi Doyle, 47, for inattentive driving. The officer noted that the driver's dog was standing on the driver's lap, obstructing the driver's view.

Sept. 24 - The MPD received a complaint regarding a dog at large in the parking lot of Country Terrace Apartments in Motley.

Sept. 22 - The MPD issued a citations to Luke Borden, 28; Ben Robinson, 20; Travis Brodin, 22; Wyatt Johnson, 34; and Robert Thelen, 59, for not wearing a seatbelt.

Sept. 22 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Rachel Capistrant, 37; Brittney Nelson, 31.

Sept. 22 - The MPD issued a citation to Shelby Jurmu, 46, for not moving over for an emergency vehicle.

Sept. 22 - The MPD issued a citation to Michelle Guericke, 51, for use of a wireless device while in traffic.

Sept. 21 - The MPD received a report of harassment from city hall in Motley. According to the report, a person who owns and rents out a residence in Motley was upset about being billed monthly for his city utilities. Caller used profanity and voiced threatening comments. The MPD attempted to call the suspect and left voice messages, but have not heard back from him.

Sept. 24 - The MCSO received a call from a Cushing resident reporting the theft of a debit card. Transactions had been made to it.

Sept. 24 - The MCSO arrested Joshua Solem on an active warrant. He was transported to the MCSO jail without incident.

Sept. 22 - The MCSO received a call from someone who stated she hit a creme-colored horse with her vehicle near Dove Rd. and Copper Rd. in Cushing. The caller was not injured and the horse ran off. There was damage to her vehicle. The responding deputy searched the area and did not locate the

animal. He subsequently spoke with someone who stated that the horse is boarded at his residence. He found the horse the next morning and it was fine.

Sept. 20 - The MCSO arrested Nathan Alan Kist on a felony warrant after he left the 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing.

Sept. 20 - The MCSO received a call from someone reporting a vehicle in the ditch on Azalea Rd. in Motley. A crash report was submitted.



Enjoying pancakes in Motley

A number of people attended the free community breakfast at Motley United Methodist Church Sept. 29. The meal included pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage links. The church plans to offer these meals to the community on the fourth Saturday of each month, from 8 - 10 a.m. Pictured above, from left, are LuAnn Butkiewicz of Omro, Wisc.;

Natalie Wolfe, Motley; Pastor Greg Leslie; Ethan Wolfe, Motley; and Carolyn Lohman of Motley, grandmother of Natalie and Ethan. Pictured below left are Galen and Verna Krantz, longtime Leader residents, now of Motley. In lower right, Ethan Wolfe gets ready for another bite of a pancake. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Livestock fencing in Wadena Cty.

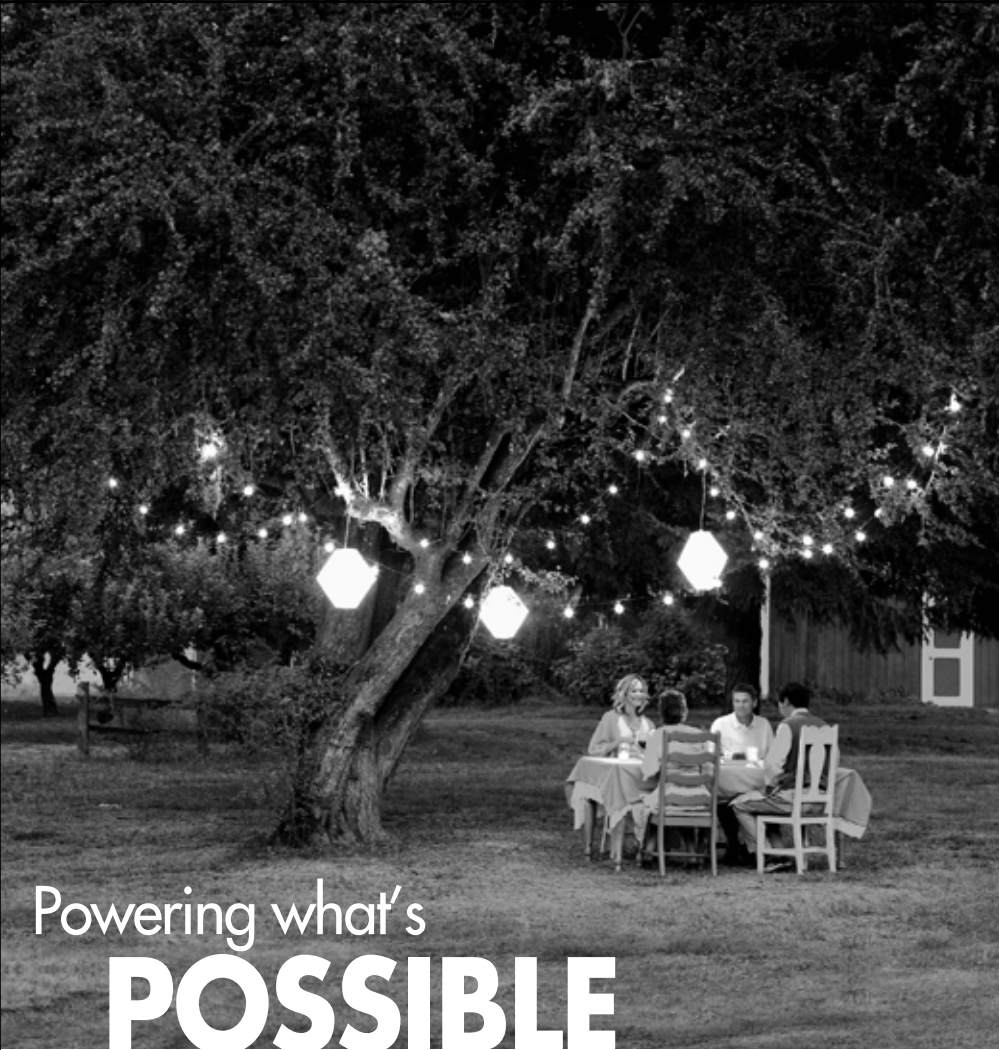
The Wadena County Sheriff's Office is requesting all farmers and ranchers in the Wadena County area to check their fences.

In the last few weeks the Sheriff's Office and State Patrol have received numerous 911 calls of livestock out, wandering onto public roadways.

In the fall season so livestock are usually looking for fresher grass to eat because the pasture grass is depleted for the

season, noted WCSO. If fences are not adequately maintained, livestock find weak spots and get out.

Check and maintain your fences. If a motorist collides with livestock on a public roadway, the livestock owner can be held accountable for damage to a vehicle, medical bills for an injured motorist or worse - if the crash result turns into a fatality.



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Little cheerleaders shout out for the Cardinals

The Little Cardinal Cheerleaders put on a big show at half-time of the Homecoming football game on Sept. 28, leading the crowd in cheers and performing a dance routine. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



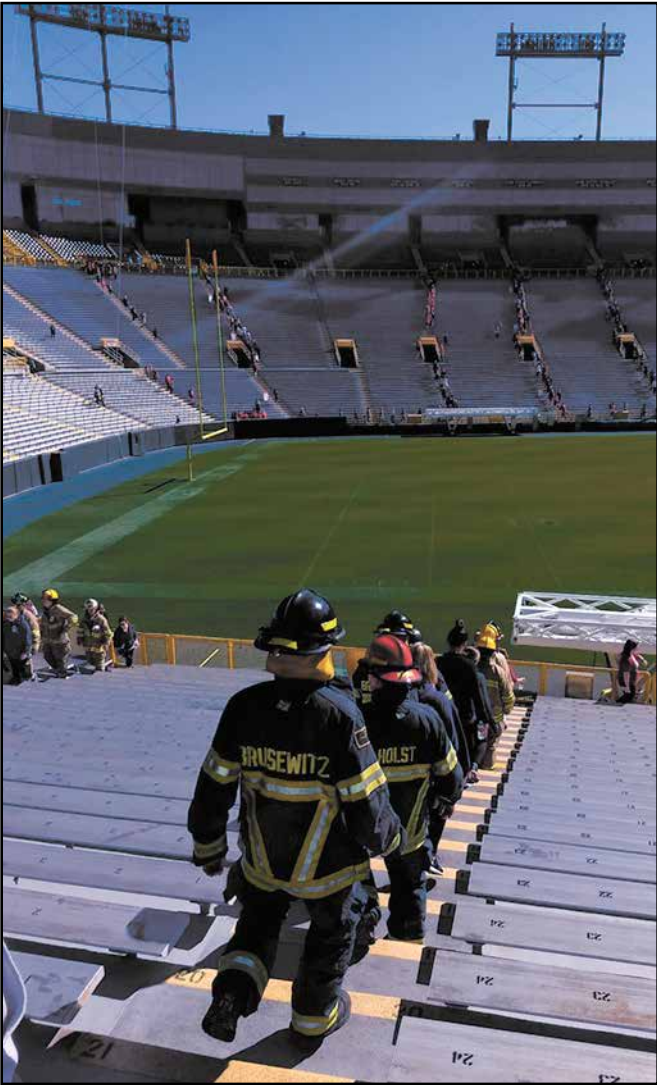
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Staples firefighters did their Stair Climb wearing full gear

the Staples Fire Department since 1997. He recalled the impact 9/11 had on their department in 2001. Darren Holst and Donald Brusewitz were also members of the SFD at that time.

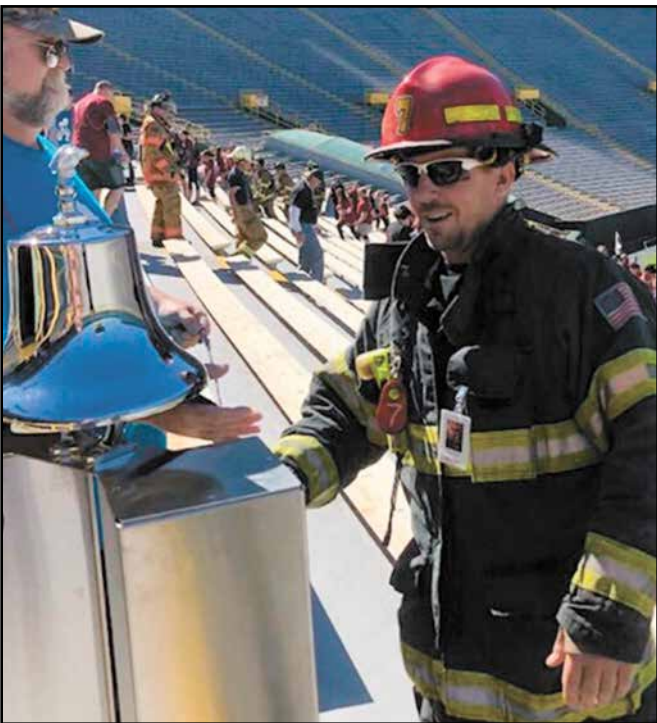
“We were honored to be able to do this,” Braith said of the Stair Climb in Green Bay. “This was our way of giving back.”

The event was sponsored by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. According to their brochure, “As we remember America’s fallen fire heroes, we raise proceeds for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to assist their survivors in rebuilding their lives, and reduce firefighter deaths within the Fire Service Community.”



Remembering the fallen

Nearly 3,000 individuals participated in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Sept. 22, at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisc. Pictured, a few Staples Firefighters walk down one flight of stairs during the course of the event. The total number of stairs climbed was equivalent of 110 stories - the height of the fallen World Trade Center towers. (Submitted photo)



Ring the bell

Staples Firefighter Darren Holst rings the bell at the recent Memorial Stair Climb event in honor of one of the fallen firefighters who gave his life at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. (Submitted photo)



Getting ready

Staples Firefighters gathered outside Lambeau Field Sept. 22, prior to the start of the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. (Submitted photo)

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Stopped in their tracks

Scout Strickland, left, and Jasiah Paskewitz (25) stop a UNC runner for no gain in the Homecoming win. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Schmidt runs wild in Homecoming game

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Cade Schmidt broke tackles all night long, carrying the Staples-Motley football team to a 34-14 Homecoming win over United North Central on Sept. 28. Schmidt scored four touchdowns and ran for 286 yards to lead the team to their first win of the year.

The Cardinals got off to a slow start, fumbling early and allowing a long run to fall behind 6-0. They responded with a long drive, but it stalled at the 10 yard line.

UNC broke out another long run and drove to the three yard line and the Cardinals were in real danger of falling behind by two touchdowns. The defense came through, though, with four straight stops to get the ball back.

Quarterback Max Strickland converted a third and seven pass to Jordon Carlson for a first down, and Carlson got

another first down on a run. But, after that, it was Schmidt's show as he broke through the line twice for first downs before he scored on a 23 yard draw play to tie the score.

Staples-Motley got the ball back right away with the help of a sack by Shaine Guggenberger. Again Schmidt went to work and scored on a 65 yard run where he refused to go down, and kept breaking tackles despite several defenders taking shots. Schmidt ran in the extra point and the Cardinals took a 14-6 lead into half-time.

It was more of the same in the second half, as the handoffs to Schmidt kept chewing up the yards for another score.

Playing with the lead, the defense came up with more big plays. Jeff Sundstrum intercepted a pass and Emmitt Winkels recovered a fumble after a sack by Schmidt popped the ball out.

With good field position after the fumble, Strick-

land ran for a first down and later Schmidt crossed the goal line again for his fourth touchdown and a 28-6 lead.

UNC attempted a fake punt, but the pass was knocked down by Alex Giza to give the ball back to the Cardinals. Logen Weite finished that drive with a two yard touchdown run.

UNC scored on a long touchdown pass to pull within 34-14, but Jasiah Paskewitz ended the game with an interception and the Cardinals celebrated their first win of the season.

Team results
Staples-Motley 34, United North Central 14
Rushing: Cade Schmidt 29-286, 4 TDs; Jordon Carlson 3-35; Logen Weite 4-15, 1 TD
Passing: Max Strickland 6-11, 33 yards, 1 int.
Receiving: Carlson 2-26, Isiah Ross-Bahn 1-6, Weite 1-4, Isiah Demars 1-(-5)
Tackles: Schmidt 6 solo, 9 assists, Weite 3-5, Charles Woodwick 3-1, Scout Strickland 2-3, Shaine Guggenberger 1-3,



Off to the races ... or not

A familiar sight in the Homecoming game was Cade Schmidt (22) charging through a hole, this one created by Finn Erholtz, right. Below, with no one be-

tween them and the end zone, Charles Woodwick, left, and Jasiah Paskewitz make sure the runner goes down. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Tennis team prepares for postseason play

The Staples-Motley tennis team played two very competitive matches and ended up winning one, but losing the other. The Cardinals beat Little Falls 5-2 on Sept. 27 and lost at Perham 5-2 on Oct. 1. The close matches will help the team get ready for postseason play, which begins Thursday, Oct. 11 at Courts Plus in Fargo.

Against Little Falls, the Cardinals adjusted to the cold and stayed aggressive despite the wind, with good results.

Against Perham, Jenna Dvorak played well through a three set match, but ended up falling by a

slim margin. "Jenna left it all on the court," said Coach Jacque Doll.

Team results
Staples-Motley 5, Little Falls 2
Singles: Lauren Rutten L 6-4, 6-2; Rose Han W 6-1, 6-0; Jenna Dvorak W 6-0, 6-0; Georgia Kruchten L 6-1, 6-1
Doubles: Tasha Achermann/Haley Cichos W 6-3, 6-2; Abby DiGiovanni/Tiffany Achermann W 6-3, 6-1; Allison Knosalla/Ellie DiGiovanni W 6-3, 6-4
Staples-Motley 2, Perham 5
Singles: Rutten W 7-6 (7-3), 6-1; Dvorak L 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; Han W 6-0, 6-3; Ta. Achermann L 6-3, 6-4
Doubles: A. DiGiovanni/Cichos L 6-1, 6-2; Ti. Achermann/Keara Kern L 6-0, 6-3; Knosalla/Kruchten L 6-3, 6-4



Making all the right shots

Top right, Ellie DiGiovanni plays tall at the net; left, Rose Han follows through on a backhand smash; lower

right, Lauren Rutten whips a forehand into the wind. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Ranked CC teams to host conference meet Tues.

The Staples-Motley boys and girls cross country teams ran well at the University of Minnesota Roy Griak meet on Sept. 29, helping the boys' team maintain their number three ranking in the state and the girls popped into the ratings at number twelve in the Minnesota High School Coaches Association poll.

The Cardinals will run at Perham on Thursday, Oct. 4, and then will host the Mid State Conference meet on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Vintage golf course, with races beginning at 4 p.m.

At the Griak meet, Emmet Anderson led the boys

race for the first two miles, but slipped to second in the last mile. Kira Sweeney took of in front of the pack in the girls' race but faded slightly to 15th. The race had runners from nine states and one team from Canada, and the Cardinals ran in the Maroon race, the slower of two high school sections. On a hilly course with more than 400 finishers in each race, most runners did not hit their top times and a few got caught up in the crowd. But the team still performed well against top notch competition.

Team results
Boys' results

Staples-Motley 4th of 55 teams
2. Emmet Anderson 16:29, 14. Hunter Klimek 17:09, 34. Ben Bartczak 17:44, 92. Bentley Christensen 18:23, 109. Tanner Robben 18:30, 124. Jack Tyrrell 18:37, 137. Brayden Christensen 18:42, 148. Isaac Christoffersen 18:44, 151. Luke Brownell 18:45, 256. Austin Johnson 19:35
Girls' results
Staples-Motley 11th of 49 teams
15. Kira Sweeney 20:06, 38. Kyanna Burton 20:47, 57. Ashley Robben 21:07, 64. Addison Lorber 21:11, 295. Addisyn Cichos 23:50, 309. Abby Brown 24:05, 331. Madysen Hull 24:30, 391. Mackenzie Wilds 26:24, 411. Jorie Ihme 28:11

VB team wins one of three

The Staples-Motley volleyball team had one win the the past week, beating Pillager 3-0 on Sept. 25, before falling to Park Rapids on Sept. 28 and to New York Mills on Oct. 1.

Team results
Staples-Motley 3, Pillager 0
25-20, 25-22, 25-23
Mackenna Bjerga: digs-9, assists-22, kills-1, blocks-1
Kiara Storry: aces-2, digs-15, assists-1, kills-2
Aubrey Brandt: digs-30, kills-10
Alix Peterson: digs-5, as-

sists-2, kills-2
Tabetha Allen: digs-7, kills-11
Kiera Dumphprope: digs-4, kills-3, blocks-1
Bella Martin: aces-1, digs-4
Heidi Lombard: aces-1, digs-18
Staples-Motley 0, Park Rapids 3
Bjerga: digs-3, set assists-2
Allen: digs-3, assist-1, kills-2
Dumphprope: digs-2, kill-1, blocks-2
Storry: digs-10, kills-2, blocks-1
Brandt: digs-9, kill-1
Peterson: dig-1, kills-1, blocks-1

Martin: digs-6, Ace-1, kills-1
Lombard: digs-8, assists-2
Staples-Motley 0, New York Mills 3
Bjerga: digs-6, assists-18, kills-2
Dumphprope: Ace-1, digs-4, kills-4, blocks-1
Brandt: Ace-1, digs-15, kills-6
Martin: Ace-2, digs-9, assist-1
Allen: digs-4, kills-8
Peterson: digs-16, assists-1, kills-6
Brooke Heldman: digs-1, assists-1
Lombard: digs-18, assists-2

Swim team places well at Fosston Invitational

The Staples-Motley girls swim team had some top placers in the Fosston-Bagley Invitational on Sept. 29.

Highlights include: 200 medley relay team of Leah Crider, Lili Schneider, Adriana Dickey and Joelle Bounds swam their best this season with a 2:14 and took 4th.

Schneider took 2nd place in the 200 freestyle. Malaya Reem dropped 16 seconds in the same event

earning her 5th place (2:31), while Mandy Carter also dropped 2 seconds off her personal best.

Reem took 5th in the 100 butterfly with Bounds close behind in 6th.

Destiny Dukowitz dropped 5 seconds off of her 100 freestyle for a new best time of 1:21. Val Lozano dropped 3, and Gen Groetsch shaved off some time, too.

After Robinson took 6th place in the 500 freestyle.

The 200 free relay of Reem, Bounds, Dickey and Schneider took 4th place and swam their best race this season.

Crider dropped a second off of her 100 backstroke time, while Olivia Holmberg dropped 2 seconds.

Schneider took 1st place in the 100 breaststroke, while Robinson took 6th.

The 400 Free Relay of Crider, Carter, Robinson, and Dickey took 5th place to finish out the meet.



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Classified Ad Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Refunds or credit will not be given for errors brought to our attention after the second publication. We are not responsible for errors due to illegible copy or missing punctuation.

Your ad will be printed as you write it.

Please print clearly, one word per space.

Use additional paper if necessary.

Thank you for your order!

Please mail completed form and payment to:

Staples World, Box 100, Staples, MN 56479

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Display ads: \$12.00 (per col. inch)

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* Color rates available.

Heartland Market deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Reaching over 20,585 homes;

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Sebeka/Menahga Review Messenger; Verndale Sun.

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SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

205

Help Wanted

Lakeland Dental, Long Prairie, Clarissa and Staples seeking licensed dental hygienist. Join our growing team, a FT position/benefits and competitive wage. Email your resumé to info@lakeland-dental.com or call Marilyn: 320-732-6141. 40-41c

Todd Area Trail Association: Help putting in posts, putting up signs and brushing snowmobile trails. Call Bernie for applications, 218-894-1835, leave message. 39-40p

Bartender, Cook: Will train. Friendly Inn, 218-575-3295 or home 218-352-6451. 39-41p

BARTENDER: Ten Hi, Apply in person Hwy. 10, Motley. 38ffc

208

Storage

FOR RENT

Japke's North 8th Street Mini Storage, 894-1551 6x20, 10x12, 10x20, 10x24

209

Business Services

Permit to Carry Class

Ed Jose
New: \$75 Renewal \$50
Multi-State
Call 218-371-2151

Your major appliance parts source. Parts for all major brands. One day service, **Staples True Value**, Staples. 218-894-3263. 26ffc

FOR SALE

Good Things To Eat

MAPLE SYRUP: \$15/qt. 218-402-0590. 38-40p

309

Miscellaneous
PLAT BOOKS AVAILABLE IN COLOR: Todd, Morrison, Crow Wing and Wadena counties, \$40 plus \$2.95 tax. Staples World Office. 5tfx

VEHICLES

404

Farm Equipment

1953 Ford-NAA Golden Jubilee w/ Wagner loader & back blade. All hydraulics & engine work great, good tires, \$6,000 OBO. 218-831-3521. 40p

WANTED TO BUY

501

Miscellaneous
FREE DROP OFF: Microwaves, Air Conditioners, Water Heaters, Gas Grills, Propane Tanks, Furnaces, Lawn Mowers, Refrigerators, Freezers, Washers, Dryers, Misc. Iron and Scrap. Christmas Tree Lights. **WE BUY CANS AND BATTERIES.** NO: TV's, Electronics, Mattresses, Tires, Household trash. Call for information: 218-639-0150. Card Auto, 27593 Todd Line Rd, Staples. 36ffc

WANTED TO BUY: JUNK CARS & TRUCKS. 218-639-5509. 38-43p



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HEALTH

SLEEP APNEA PATIENTS
If you have Medicare coverage, call Versus Healthcare to qualify for CPAP supplies for little or no cost in minutes. Home delivery, healthy sleep guide and more - free! Our customer care agents await your call 866/283-5689

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THE MINNESOTA CLASSIFIED AD NETWORK
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MISCELLANEOUS

DIRECTV SELECT PACKAGE
Over 150 channels, only \$35/month (for 12 mos.) Order now! Get a \$100 AT&T Visa Rewards gift card (some restrictions apply) Call 844/279-6018

A PLACE FOR MOM
The nation's largest senior living referral service. Contact our trusted, local experts today! Our service is free, no obligation. Call 844/347-2104

SAVE ON YOUR NEXT PRESCRIPTION
World Health Link. Price match guarantee! Prescriptions required. CIPA certified. Over 1,500 medications available. Call today for a free price quote. 866/237-5131 Call now!

MISCELLANEOUS

DONATE YOUR CAR
truck or boat to Heritage For The Blind. Free 3-day vacation, tax deductible, free towing, all paperwork taken care of 844/220-9501

DISH TV
\$59.99 For 190 channels, \$14.95 high speed internet. Free installation, smart HD DVR included, free voice remote. Some restrictions apply. Call 855/562-4309

SAVE MONEY!
Call your local newspaper or MNA 800-279-2979 to find out how you can save money by placing your advertisement here!

Fall in love with your career.

Visit Lakewood's website for a new career you'll love at lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

Lakewood HEALTH SYSTEM

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Central Todd County Care Center is seeking

Certified Nursing Assistants

We are in search of someone who is looking for a rewarding job in the Nursing field. Evening and Night shifts now available for CNAs. Must be a TEAM player and possess a special interest in working with Long Term Care residents, families, and visitors.

CTCCC offers a wide variety of benefits and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Contact Amanda Rickbell, arickbell@ctcccinc.com or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12

Pick up an application in the Business Office, or after hours at the Nurse's Station.

Business Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

CENTRAL TODD COUNTY CARE CENTER IS LOCATED IN CLARISSA, MN.

EOE

REAL ESTATE

602

Apartments for Rent

STAPLES: Remodeled 2 bdr. Includes heat/water. \$600/mo. no pets, smoking, parties. Req. sec dep/ref. erences. Ken 218-894-3891, Gregg 763-772-2902. 40-42p

STAPLES: Downtown, 1-2 bdr., recently remodeled, NO pets, non smoking, 218-894-3108. 6ffc

Pullman Townhomes

3 bedroom

\$1,100 per month

2 bedroom

\$950 per month

Rent includes: Double attached garage, heat, water, sewer and trash
218-296-1247

EASTWOOD APARTMENTS

in Motley MN.

is now accepting

applications for 2-3 bedroom openings (Nov. & Dec.) and future 2 bedroom apartments.

Laundry facilities

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garage included with

apartment. All utilities paid.

Applications are available at:

956 Hwy 10 S., Motley

For information and

qualifications

contact Nicole at

218-751-6881

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Two bedroom home with shed on great lot in Northeast Staples. Continuously rented for 24 years! \$37,500.

Raelyn Borg
218-838-6267
RaeLynBorg@gmail.com
Century 21 Brainerd



Two bedroom rambler with attached garage on double lot in Northeast Staples. Continuously rented for 28 years! \$54,900.

LaVerne Borg
218-820-5164
Lborg@c21brainerd.com
Century 21 Brainerd

LITTLE CLASSIFIEDS FOR BIG RESULTS!

GARAGE SALES

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ANNUAL FALL RE-UMMAGE SALE: Sat., Oct. 6, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Inside at the Community Center, Pillager Fairgrounds, 207 East 2nd St. S., Pillager. 20 families: clothing, household goods, furniture, books, knick knacks, baby items, craft items, way too much to list - you never know what you might find! ssw40c

GARAGE SALE: Thurs., Oct. 4, Fri., Oct. 5, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 35268 Hwy. 10, Motley. Wedding, prom, juniors, household and more. ssw40p

Open Houses THURS. OCT. 4

5 to 7 p.m.

48424 275th Ave., Staples....\$197,000



4 Bedrooms/ 3 bath; 2 acres; MLS #4981953

Nikki Bjerga REALTOR

218-296-0441 (cell) nikkibjerga@edinarealty.com

127 Ravilla Street, Staples - \$329,900

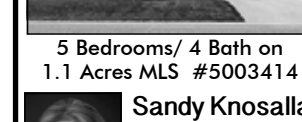


5 Bedrooms/ 4 Bath on 1.1 Acres MLS #5003414

Sandy Knosalla REALTOR

218-296-1111 (cell) sandyknosalla@edinarealty.com

33843 Twin Oaks Loop, Motley - \$249,900



3 Bedroom 3 Bath; 3 acres; MLS #5008077

Lidia Atkinson REALTOR

218-251-4395(cell) LidiaAtkinson@edinarealty.com

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*Labels *Forms

*Business Cards

*Brochures

Staples World

218-894-1112

**NOTICE
TODD-WADENA
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

Todd-Wadena Commu-
nity Corrections Executive
Committee will meet Tues-
day, October 9, 2018 at 5:00
p.m., at the Staples Branch
Office, 200 First Street NE,
Staples, Minnesota.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant
40pnc

**PUBLIC NOTICE
AERATION WARNING**

NOTICE - Lake Shore
AERATION WARNING
LAKE SHAMINEAU: Open
water along the shore with
thin ice around the edge
on the southwest shore of
Lake Shamineau. Starting
December 1, 2018 into the
early months of 2019.
For inquiries call 952-
975-9078.

39-40pnc

**NOTICE
LAKE SHORE
AERATION WARNING
LAKE SHAMINEAU**

Beware open water and
thin ice. Aeration to occur
on south shore along Lake-
shore Drive beginning No-
vember 1, 2018 until April,
2019. For inquiries call 612-
810-4200.

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**ALDRICH TOWNSHIP
ROAD MAINTENANCE
BID**

Aldrich Township is
seeking bids for Road
Maintenance work, includ-
ing Plowing, Blading and
Mowing the roadsides.
Bids are for a 3 year pe-
riod beginning November
1, 2018 and ending October
31, 2021.
Send bids to Barb John-
son, clerk, 13153 Co Rd
23, Verndale, MN 56481.
Bids must be received by

October 8, 2018 and will
be opened at the monthly
meeting on October 8.

Barb Johnson, Clerk
39-40pnc

**Name of Group:
City of Staples**

**REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS**

Notice is hereby given
that **Name of Group: City
of Staples**

Requests proposals for:

Group Life & Long Term
Disability Insurance

Specifications will be
available from National In-
surance Services, 250 South
Executive Drive, Suite
300, Brookfield, WI 53005,
Phone: 800-627-3660
Proposals are due no
later than 11:00 a.m. on
October 17th, 2018 at Na-
tional Insurance Services,
250 South Executive Drive,
Suite 300, Brookfield, WI
53005

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Cialis 20mg	16	\$119.00
Levitra 20mg	30	\$130.00
Stendra 200mg	16	\$260.00
Spiriva 18mcg	90	\$130.00
Advair 250mcg/50mcg	180 ds	\$190.00

All pricing in U.S dollars and subject to change without notice. "We
accept Amex, Electronic Checking, Personal Check or International Money Order."
Prices shown are for the equivalent generic drug if available.

1-866-237-5131  World Health Link

**Mailing Address: World Health Link
PO Box 42 Station Main
Winnipeg, MB R3C 2G1 Canada** **CODE MG09**

**Have You
HEARD?**
**Presented by
Steve Trebil, BC-HIS**



**HOW HEARING
LOSS DISRUPTS
RELATIONSHIPS**

When people delay treatment for hearing
loss or elect not to wear a hearing instrument
that might help them hear better, their
decisions have consequences that extend
beyond themselves. For instance, those who
come in regular contact with individuals
who have untreated hearing loss can
become quite frustrated with being asked to
repeat themselves. Others find themselves
arguing about TV and radio volume.
According to a recent review of 78 studies,
researchers found that family members
report arguments that leave them feeling
stressed, worn out, and guilty (if they let
their frustration show) over disagreements
they have had with other family members
with untreated hearing loss. This is one
more reason to have hearing loss diagnosed
and treated properly.

At PREFERRED HEARING AID
CENTER, we know that any type of hearing
impairment can have serious consequences
that deserves professional care from a
hearing aid specialist. A hearing loss makes
it more difficult to meet people and enjoy
social gatherings. A hearing loss can act as
a barrier between the impaired and other
people. That's why Helen Keller said her
hearing loss was a greater problem than
her blindness. Is a hearing impairment
diminishing the enjoyment of your life?
Perhaps it's time for a hearing evaluation.
You can reach us at 774-7474 STATE HWY 371,
BRainerd, 1-800-468-0003 PREFERRED
HEARING provides this information as
a public service. If we become aware of
any unusual condition during a hearing
consultation that warrants additional
professional attention, we can provide an
expert referral.

P.S. When untreated hearing loss disrupts
relationships at work, performance and
efficiency may be compromised.

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**NOTICE
STAPLES-MOTLEY
ISD #2170
BUSES FOR SALE
BY SEALED BID**

Staples-Motley ISD
#2170 will sell 4 (four) 77
passenger buses by sealed
bid as follows:
Bus #6; Bus #15; Bus #30
and Bus #31.
Buses are located at the
Staples-Motley Bus Garage
at 26797 County Road 2,
Staples, MN 56479. If you
have questions or would
like to schedule an appoint-
ment to view the buses, call
Scott Engebretson at 218-
894-5400 x 3020.
Bids must be submit-
ted in a sealed envelope
with the "BID For Bus #6";
"BID for Bus #15"; "BID for
Bus #30" or "BID for Bus
#31" clearly marked on the
lower left corner of the en-
velope. Sealed bids should
be mailed, or delivered in
person, to the School Dis-
trict Office located at 202
Pleasant Avenue NE, Sta-
ples, MN 56479. Bids will
be opened in the School
District Office on Monday,
October 22 at 10:00 a.m.
Bids will be accepted by
the school board at the Oc-
tober 22 meeting.
The Staples-Motley
School board reserves the
right to reject any and all
bids and to waive any tech-
nicalities.

Greg Frisk, Clerk
School Board
Staples-Motley Schools
ISD #2170

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples
Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:15 p.m.
Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Class.....9:15 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.....5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Church of Christ
27343 49th 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.
Congregational Church, UCC
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
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
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School.....9:15 a.m..
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m..
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 a.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
**Congregational, United
Church of Christ**
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m..
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month
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
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m..
Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnelfree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
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
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
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. Lone, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m..
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m..
Oylen
Oylen Alliance
City, 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
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..
River 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..
(serving coffee and donuts)

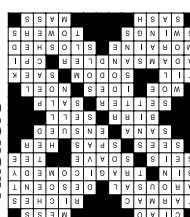
Hewitt
Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffer
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m..
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m..
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m..
**Trinity Lutheran Church
(LCMS)**
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m..
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
Church.....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..
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..

Crossword Puzzle Week 40

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CLUES ACROSS
1. A greeting
5. A type of hall
9. Planes need one
11. Wealth
13. The act of exciting
15. A movement down-
ward
16. Type of storage
17. A funny and sad
play
19. After cinco
21. Dry white Italian
wine
22. Where golfers begin
23. Witnesses
25. Relaxing places
26. Of she
27. Discontinued com-
pact car
29. Resulted
31. Large Irish castle
33. Offer for a price
34. One type is Irish
36. Free-swimming

CLUES DOWN
1. Progressive decay of
a bone or tooth
2. Deliberately contrary
events
3. Unit of mass
4. Kiln
5. Soybean paste
6. Electronic counter-
countermeasures
7. Made the bed
8. One who mails
10. Automotive vehicles
11. Breaks
12. Swelling of the
eyelid
14. Asian country
15. Couches
18. Stare with mouth
wide open
20. Member of U.S.
Navy
24. A sulk
26. Greetings
28. Craftsmen
30. Mongolian city ____
Bator
32. Did again
34. Sunrooms
35. Start over
37. Georgians love them
38. Women
40. "Snake Tales"
cartoonist
42. Pariahs
43. Caps
45. Gradually become
less solid
47. Goats
49. French city Le ____
50. Exhale
51. Homes have at least
one
55. Type of power cable
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Our Light in the Darkness
Pastor Donald Reigstad, Lincoln Evangelical Free Church

It really gets dark up here. I grew
up in a rural area, but after 30 years
in the Twin Cities the move to Lin-
coln Lakes has provided a vivid re-
minder of how dark it gets with so
few street lights, house and busi-
ness lights, car lights, etc. A high-
powered LED flashlight has become
my frequent companion. It gets dark
up here.
It's darker than you or I know. As-
tronomers say that our universe is
nearly entirely dark, like way over 90

percent. Apparently, our perception
is skewed by the relatively nearby
presence of our sun. Even so, every
year we spend billions just "keeping
the lights on."
As we head into the season of
long nights, I want to say to every
follower of Jesus: "Keep your light
on." People grope in darkness; they
stumble in the shadows.
Jesus said, "You are the light of
the world...let your light shine, so..."
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