

Communities Connect resource fair announced

A free resource fair, the Staples Motley Area Communities Connect, will take place at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples on Thursday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This resource fair is for all area residents, especially those interested in connecting with local resources.

The event will provide free resources from county agencies, health specialists and community groups in the areas of mental or physical health, education, housing, employment, financial help and chemical dependency.

New this year will be Legal Services personnel and chemical dependency professionals.

Displays will include health care navigators and benefits specialists.

Besides the free consultations and free connections, the fair will provide a free meal, prizes and free hair cuts (hair must be clean.)

This year the name of the event was changed to Communities Connect, to reflect the multiple communities in the four county area around Staples and Motley.

The event is sponsored by Staples Motley Beyond Poverty, Engage by Lakewood Health System and Todd County Citizens Against Drug.

For transportation to the event, contact Friendly Rider, 218-631-5730.



Swans seen floating on the Crow Wing River

Trumpeter swans graced the Crow Wing River at two locations on Sept. 28. The groups at top were seen from the river's embankment west of Staples and the pair at right were spotted swimming up river from Marsh's Landing. According to the Minnesota DNR, swans migrate south in small family groups to wintering grounds in the central United States, including open water sites along the Mississippi River in Arkansas and Missouri and west to Oklahoma. Swans generally mate for life and return north to their nesting marshes in late March and early April. All wild swans are protected and there is a Minnesota Trumpeter Swan Restoration Project in effect, funded by the DNR Nongame Wildlife Program. The biggest threats to Trumpeter swans are lead poisoning, illegal shooting (typically vandalism, not hunting, is the threat) and power lines. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Hello, Readers,

On October 11 1975, Saturday Night Live (SNL), a topical comedy sketch show featuring Chevy Chase, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Gilda Radner, Garrett Morris, Jane Curtin and Laraine Newman, made its debut on NBC; it went on to become the longest-running, highest-rated show on late-night television. The 90-minute program, which from its inception has been broadcast live from Studio 8H in the GE Building at Rockefeller Center, includes a different guest host and musical act each week. The opening sketch of each show ends with one actor saying, "Live from New York, it's Saturday Night!" SNL is known for its topical parodies and impersonations, and for pushing boundaries with its sketches. The show is also recognized for its political humor.

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Obituaries

Elaine Cherro
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Workforce shortage subject of policy paper

The Center for Rural Policy and Development, over the following months, will be releasing a three-part series exploring the workforce shortage in rural Minnesota, "Finding Work or Finding Workers?"

Published Oct. 3 is Part 1, "Job Vacancies: High Hurdles for Employers, Big Opportunities for Job Seekers," which dives into the job vacancy survey data collected by Minnesota's Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to see what it can tell us about the current workforce shortage.

Ask a business owner in Greater Minnesota what their biggest challenge is today and most will quickly reply, "finding help." The common thread is simple: economic growth coupled with an aging workforce heading toward retirement and fewer young people to replace them is putting significant pressure on Greater Minnesota's employers, making hiring

significantly more challenging.

Julie Tesch, incoming president of the Center for Rural Policy and Development states, "There are simply not enough young workers in Greater Minnesota communities right now to replace retirees. Employers are finding it necessary to adjust wages, benefits packages and education and experience requirements to attract more people for job pools that continue to grow."

Although median wages for all job vacancies continue to be lower in Greater Minnesota than in the seven-county metro area, the largest increases in wages have occurred in Greater Minnesota. In addition, these gains in wages have occurred at the lower end of the pay scale, while growth in wages at the higher end has been more modest.

"A conventional belief around job vacancies in Greater Minnesota has

been that they are largely low-wage, part-time, low-skilled positions that don't offer health care benefits," said Marnie Werner, Research Director for the Center for Rural Policy & Development. "The data show, however, that the actual number of vacancies offering full-time work, health care benefits and/or requiring post-secondary education is higher now than in 2005 - significantly higher."

Employers in Greater Minnesota are looking for ways to increase their workforce. Luckily there is a robust network of partnerships developing between private, public and non-profit institutions working on strategies to relieve the situation. Efforts revolve around tapping "hidden talent" pools, increasing immigration and in-migration and retaining youth.

The full summary of Part 1 of the series, with graphics and annotations, can be found on the Center for Rural Policy and Development website at crpd@ruralmn.org, then go to

Finding Work or Finding Workers? Part 1.

A presentation of the data and research is available from Marnie Werner to interested media outlets, communities, elected officials, government agencies, trade groups or associations across the state of Minnesota. Contact crpd@ruralmn.org for additional information or to schedule a presentation.

The full report can be found on the Center for Rural Policy and Development's website.

R5DC selected by Bush Foundation

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) has been selected as a member of the Bush Foundation's second Community Creativity Cohort. "We are excited to support the amazing work of R5DC to help make our region better for everyone," said

Bush Foundation Community Creativity Portfolio Director Erik Takeshita.

R5DC is one of 40 organizations from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and the 23 Native nations that share the

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'Rachel's Odyssey' continues at age 105

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

In 1913, the year Rachel Walthall was born, Woodrow Wilson was president, the first Woman Suffrage Procession took place and the life expectancy for women was just 55 years.

Rachel's parents, Herbert and Marie Jordan, probably never dreamed their daughter would live to celebrate her 105th birthday. But, that's just what she did on Oct. 4, complete with a party at Lakewood Pines in Staples, her home for the past 10 years.

She's had a very fulfilling life, Rachel said, conversing with friends around a dining room table, each of them enjoying birthday cake and ice cream while reminiscing about days gone by.

Photos documenting her life were on display at the party. They told the story of a young girl born and raised in Hawaii, who would go on to become a nurse, raise a family of her own and have several adventures along the way.

"I was a tomboy," Rachel said of her early years, adding that she grew up playing football with the boys. "My brother, Herby, was just 14 months older than me."

She's always enjoyed sports, Rachel went on.



All smiles at her party

Oct. 4 was a special day for Rachel Walthall of Staples who turned 105 years young that day. She celebrated her milestone birthday party with family and friends at Lakewood Pines, her home for the past 10 years. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

A big fan of the Vikings and the Twins, she rarely misses watching one of their games on television.

One of her other passions has always been wildlife. Her son Tony, now 80, recalled his mother taking him out to a slough when he was a boy so they could watch the ducks migrating in. "I inherited her love of wildlife," he said.

Of course, family ranks up there as being the most important aspect of her life.

Rachel met her husband, Joe Walthall at a wedding in Honolulu and they were married within the year. They would go on to have three children. In addition to Tony, they had two daughters, Barbara and Patty.

Joe was an actor, and Rachel recalled the night she accompanied him to a cast party on Waikiki Beach. It was Dec. 6, 1941. The next morning, they heard shooting and watched as Pearl Harbor was bombed. Subsequently, Rachel helped treat the injured at the Pearl Harbor hospital.

In 1942, the Walthalls decided to move from Hawaii. They lived in various places including California, Chicago and the Minneapolis area. Joe died when he was just 68.

Prior to moving to Sta-

ples, Rachel lived in Ohio for several years.

Joey Walthall, Rachel's daughter-in-law, has nothing but good to say about her mother-in-law. "We've never had an argument in 55 years," Joey said. She describes Rachel as being a kind, compassionate and loving person. "She's taught me a lot about being a mother-in-law myself. She's a good friend."

Rachel's spunk is also something she's always admired, Joey said. She recalled that when her mother-in-law was 98, she taught her great-granddaughter Brooke the hula dance.

Yes, she's seen a lot of changes in her lifetime, Rachel says. One of the biggest is technology. "I never even learned how to type," Rachel said, adding that she certainly could have, since her dad was a court reporter and there was always a typewriter at their home.

If she ever decided to write another chapter in her book, "Rachel's Odyssey," which her son Tony started for her when she was 82 years old, she'd most likely have to write it in long-hand.

A Staples World story written at the time of Rachel's 100th birthday indicated that she was finishing

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Daring Bat-stunt

Left, Clint Young recreates one of the stunts from the old Batman television show, climbing up a wall using his Bat-rope. Like the TV show, it was a low tech stunt that shows the superhero has a sense of humor. (Submitted photos)



Humble Henchman

Johnny Green, who played the Joker's Henchman on the 1960s Batman TV show, poses with Lyla Renn and her daughter Brylee .



Batman and Robin return

Wayne (not Robin) Renn was the sidekick for Batman in Staples.

Batman, Henchman come to Staples to fight crime

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

A few people in Staples did a double-take when they saw the Batmobile cruising in Staples on Sept. 29, and they may have been even more surprised to see what looked like Batman from the 1960's television show driving it.

What they didn't know

was that one of the Henchmen from the original show was traveling along with the Batmobile. Johnny Green played one of the Joker's Henchmen in 42 episodes of the Batman TV show. He is a good friend of Wayne Renn of Staples and travels with Clint Young, who owns one of the original Batmobiles. When dressed in the Batman cos-

tume, Young happens to look a lot like the original Batman actor, Adam West, who is now deceased. Renn said Young has been dressing as Batman for 30 years. It started when he went to Hollywood to get into movies and was requested to wear the Batman outfit for an event. "It was a paying gig, so Clint agreed and it's been a 30 year role since then," said Renn. The pair travel to big events to play their Bat-roles and were on their way home from Cleveland when they decided to stop in Staples. "Only a few people noticed the Batmobile zooming around Lincoln Model School," said Renn, whose music studio is in

the old school. Renn took advantage of the Bat-visit to shoot video for a movie he is working on called "Peoplemania: Fireworks". Peoplemania is a musical project Renn has started, in which he writes original songs in the style of the Beatles. The Bat-pair stayed at the Timberlake Hotel and toured Staples for a couple of days. They also joined Renn for his band's performance in Bertha at Traditions night club. "We had a Bat-tastic time," said Renn. Look for the Batmobile to make a future appearance on peoplemanialive.com, the web site Renn has started for Peoplemania.

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Congratulations to these 5-Star employees

Brenda DeLeon, Assistant, Nutrition Services
Nominated by HOPE Committee, "The entire facility benefits from your positive attitude and the warm friendly atmosphere you create no matter where you are working. The quality you strive to maintain in everything you do is superb. You make all who interact with you feel welcome."

Dawn Roth, Assistant, Nutrition Services
Nominated by Amanda Turner, Nutrition Manager, "Dawn brought recognition and appreciation to our residents on Memorial Day. She reminded everyone of what that day stands for by providing special decorations. The grand attraction was her display of a Table for One with a white table cloth, black napkin, a single rose with a yellow ribbon around a vase, a plate with salt sprinkled on it and a slice of lemon, an inverted wine glass, an empty chair, a candle and a Bible. Each item is symbolic of our fallen and missing soldiers. Above the Table for One she posted stars with names of fallen soldiers she had gathered from residents and staff. The residents enjoyed the display and some became tearful seeing the display and their family/friend's names remembered and honored."

Traci Neiss, Activity Assitant
Nominated by HOPE Committee, "Traci spent weeks in preparation with her team for the Wild Wild West event for the residents. One of the main events was entertainment that never showed up. Traci handled this professionally and with grace to keep the enthusiasm up for the residents and staff. Traci has grown in her leadership and we want her to know how much she is appreciated."

Christine Whitley Cook, Nutrition Services
Nominated by Rachel Delaney, Internal Communications, "A group of people gathered for a family celebration. They ordered food from nutrition services staff and upon approaching the cash register, they said, 'Christine's paying.' Team member, Christine came out and paid for everyone's meal. I commented to her how nice it was of her to pay for her family's meal; she chuckled and replied, 'It's not my family. That boy has been coming to Lakewood for appointments. He has a special interest in cooking so he comes to see me after every visit because he says I'm a really good cook and that I make the best hamburgers. Recently, he completed his visits and the only place he wanted to celebrate was at LHS. I was so happy for him I wanted to pay for their meal.' What incredible relationship-building and 5-Star SERVICE you have provided. Thank you for making LHS feel like home to them."

Denise Graba, RN, Home Health / Hospice
Nominated anonymously, "Denise has been an Intake RN Coordinator since last year. Her strength in follow-up and follow-through with co-workers and patients is critical in our department. Denise works hard at communicating information to patients, fellow case managers and home health aides. Because of Denise we have better communication among the team which provides a great experience for the patient."

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Staples Police make arrest after pursuit

Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. on Sept. 29, at a residence on the 31000 block of Timberlane Rd. While enroute to the residence, the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. got into a motor vehicle pursuit with the subject they were dealing with on Timberlane Rd. Staples Police assisted in the pursuit, who was westbound on Hwy 10, and then onto 2nd Ave. NE, then onto Cardinal Dr. southbound over the overpass, the suspect eventually stopped on the 300 block of 4th St SE. The suspect, Joseph Paynovich, 39, of rural Staples, was arrested by the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. for fleeing in a motor vehicle.

Other reports included: Sept. 24, Staples Police received a report of a someone dumping household garbage in the dumpsters at Pine Grove Park. Sept. 25, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with a two vehicle crash at the intersection of Cty Rd 21 and 490th St. Three occupants were transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital, Staples by ambulance. Their condition is unknown.

Sept. 27, Staples Police responded to a shoplifting complaint at Simplicity Salon. Upon investigation, police cited Rosemary Czech, 59, of Staples, for theft.

Sept. 27, Staples Police received a report of a school bus stop arm violation on the 1000 block of 2nd Ave. NE. After investigation, a juvenile was cited for the offense.

Sept. 28, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept with a driving complaint on Hwy 10. The sheriff's dept. located the vehicle and stopped it west of Staples. Upon investigation, the driver was transported to the Lakewood Health System Hospital, by the Staples Ambulance.

Oct. 3, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. and the MN State Patrol with a wrong way driver on Hwy 10. The vehicle was stopped and the state patrol arrested Christina Kavanaugh, 41, of Pillager for 3rd degree DWI.

Oct. 4, Staples Police responded to a report of suspected fraud at the

Dollar General. A customer was attempting to buy 35, \$500 Google play cards.

Oct. 5, Staples Police responded to a complaint of drugparaphernalia that was located in an apartment while it was being cleaned.

Oct. 5, Staples Police received a report of a possible scam. Police spoke with the owner and learned that they had sent \$500 to a known party in Iowa. Police advised the owner to go back to Wal-Mart and recall the money as the known party in Iowa was also being scammed.

Oct. 6, Staples Police assisted the MN State Patrol with a bear that had been struck by a vehicle on Hwy 10 near Dower Lake Rd.

Oct. 7, Staples Police conducted a traffic stop on 6th St NE. As a result, Trenton Hagenson, 24, of Staples was arrested for 4th degree DWI.

Oct. 7, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with a concern for welfare of a person traveling in a vehicle and was possibly having a mental health issue. Police checked Lakewood Health Hospital and located the vehicle in the parking lot. The individual was located in the ER and was being treated.

Oct. 7, Staples Police were dispatched to the Lakewood Health System ER for a patient who was having mental health issues, and was disorderly and throwing things around the room. Police arrived and assisted the hospital staff, who were able to calm the subject down.

Oct. 7, Staples Police received a report of two vehicles racing on 4th St. NE, near the elementary school. The vehicles involved were described as a black interceptor and a blue colored sports car. Police patrolled in the area, but were unable to locate the vehicles. A short time later, the police located two vehicles matching the description of the vehicles involved in the driving complaint, on 2nd Ave. NE. The SPD spoke with an occupant of one of the vehicles who denied traveling on 4th St. NE and also denied racing.

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Todd Cty. proclaims Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

After hearing the resolution read by Connie Nelson, the coordinator of Hands of Hope Resources Center (HOHRC), the Todd County commissioners approved it proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month at their Oct. 2 meeting. They urged criminal justice systems and community members to work with Hands of Hope Resource Center in eliminating domestic violence in our communities.

It was pointed out that domestic violence isn't just physical abuse, but is when one person in a relationship exerts power and control over the other partner. It can be verbal, economic, isolating and alienating from family, friends, and even the children of the relationship, as well as sexual abuse.

A bruise or black eye are not the only signs of being abused.

Nelson wrote, "To date in 2018, HOHRC has served 118 male/female victims of domestic violence. Seventy-four of those victims

are first time clients in our office. We also provide services to secondary victims, such as family members, friends, co-workers (and others) as many are affected by the abuse."

In other business:

- Approved a project for precast concrete box culvert construction work on 320th Street in Iona Township. The contract was awarded to Houle Excavating, LLC, from Little Falls for their low bid of \$175,166.

- Adopted the Todd County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- Acting as the Todd County Ditch Authority, the board acknowledged the receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Faye Arntson to replace a private crossing on County Ditch # 22 in Burleene Township, Section 24.

- They also gave permission to Ray Cline to maintain approximately 1,045 feet of Lateral 1 on County Ditch # 8 located on his property in Ward Township, Section 16, at his own expense.

- Approved County Ag Inspector Nancy Uhlen-

kamp to pursue the Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant by submitting an application.

- Heard the 2018 Great River Regional Library update from Executive Director Karen Pundsack and Distribution Supervisor Aron Murphy.

- Heard a report on what South Country Health Alliance is doing to stave off the opioid crisis.

- Appointed Commissioners David Kircher and Rod Erickson (who was absent from the meeting) to be part of the Region Five Adult Mental Health Initiatives Comprehensive Re-entry (Jail Diversion) Project Team/Stakeholder Group.

- Approved the grade and pay increase for Payroll and Benefits Specialist Kathleen Nauber to Grade 8, Step 5 (\$24.36) after a review by Springsted.

- New County Coordinator Jonathan Stainbrook was at the meeting. He has been with the county for a little over a week and said he has spent a lot of that time getting introduced to the staff.



Grandparent's Day at SHAS

Grandparent's Day was held at Sacred Heart Area School Sept. 27 beginning with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by refreshments at the school. Grandparents were invited to join students for classroom tours, meet their teachers

and socialize with cookies and lemonade.

Above: Ron and Mary Peterson with granddaughter Charlie Noska. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Left: Emitt Hageman poses for a selfie.



Right: Michael and Marilyn Dolezal with granddaughters Kalee and Madison Perius and mom, Jill (center).

All eligible voters invited to a 'Meet the Candidates' forum

A 'Meet the Candidates' forum will be held Tues., Oct. 23, hosted by Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative (TWEC), at the Lions Community Center, 109 1st St SE in Verndale. A social hour with light refreshments will begin at 6 p.m. with the candidate forum beginning at 7 p.m.

"Issues involving rural access to broadband, rate regulation of cooperatives, protection of our assigned service territory rights, renewable energy, strengthening our rural economies and a host of other related issues can all be influenced by our elected officials," said Dan Carlisle, TWEC President/CEO.

"TWEC believes that its membership and all voters deserve to be informed about the views that their candidates have on these

important issues and this is why we have historically sponsored a candidates forum within our service area," said Carlisle.

Democratic member control, educating members and concern for community are three of the cooperative principles and reasons why TWEC is hosting this forum for voters. TWEC members are encouraged to attend, as are all eligible voters in the area.

All candidates from Minnesota House Districts 2B, 5B, 9A, 9B, Senate District 8, Governor, State Senate, Attorney General, State Auditor and Secretary of State candidates have been invited to this event.

Each candidate will be given a few minutes to explain his or her reasons for running for office and his or her legislative pri-

orities. In addition, attendees will be invited to write questions that will be forwarded for the candidates' responses.

While the cooperative's primary interest involves energy issues, all matters of legislation will be open for discussion.

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative (TWEC) is a not-for-profit, member-owned utility located in central Minnesota. Since 1940, Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative has provided electricity and related services to its member-owners. TWEC serves over 8,500 rural homes and businesses in Todd and Wadena counties along with portions of Becker, Cass, Douglas, Hubbard, Ottertail and Morrison counties.



Swimmers on the Mississippi

The Staples-Motley swim team has a team tradition of visiting Lake Itasca and the Mississippi River headwaters when they take their annual trip to the Fosston Invitational. (Submitted photo)

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Helping make our region better for all

geography selected by the Foundation for its commitment to making art and culture central to problem solving.

All participating organizations are either led by and serving people of color or Indigenous people and/or are led by and serving people from rural communities or non-metropolitan cities or towns with populations of less than 50,000 people.

"We are thrilled to be a part of the Bush Foundation's second Community Creativity Cohort. We believe this experience will be invaluable in helping address the issues that are of most concern to our region," stated R5DC Executive Director Cheryll Hills.

Each member of the cohort will receive a general operating support grant of \$100,000 over a three-year period and access to other funds to help them improve their work and strengthen their organizations. Cohort members were selected from a pool of over 100 applicants from across the region.

The program will officially kick off in November 2018 in the Twin Cities at the first annual convening of the Cohort.

More information on Community Creativity Cohort 2 and its members can be found at www.bushfoundation.org/community-creativity-initiative/community-creativity-cohort-2

Region Five Development Commission is committed to enhancing the vitality and quality of life in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties. It is the mission of Region Five Development Commission. Resiliency, inclusion and collaboration are guiding concepts in achieving mutually shared goals that continue to evolve with local municipalities, state, federal agencies, philanthropic, non-profit and social advocacy agencies. Visit www.regionfive.org to learn more.

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Journalism, media's role, matters in your community

By Jim Zachary, deputy national editor of CNHI and editor of the Valdosta (Georgia) Daily Times

Beyond the noise of the Beltway and the daily vilification of national media outlets are community newspapers serving cities, counties and regions throughout the U.S.

Your local newspaper is far from being The Fake News.

Your newspaper is most definitely not The Enemy of the People. In fact, the paper is the eyes, ears and voice of the people.

The people who work down at the paper are your friends, neighbors or maybe even your relatives. They are dedicated men and women who work hard every day to inform, educate and entertain you.

Perhaps presidents and political figures have always railed against the media when they feel as if they are under attack.

But not like this. Presi-

dent Donald J. Trump's all-out assault on journalists is beyond the pale.

When he calls the media the enemy of the people and says the news they report is fake, he has gone way too far.

If he feels the need to push back against certain reports because he believes those specific stories contain false information, that is fair game. But to malign journalism itself and to paint all journalists with one broad stroke is irresponsible and even dangerous to an open and free society.

The media must play an important role as the Fourth Estate, hold government in check and shine the light on all the actions of our governors. That is the very intention of the First Amendment.

The president does not seem to understand, or care, that all journalists everywhere, even here in your hometown, feel they are under constant attack.

That includes the reporter sitting next to you at the county commission meeting, the editorialist questioning a property tax increase by local government and the photographer taking pictures at your child's school play.

Each of these local journalists is someone's son, daughter, husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister or cousin. They are not your enemies or the purveyors of fake news. They have no desire to spread falsehoods.

They are decent people with tons of integrity. Many of them are young people just getting started in their careers, full of idealism and hope that in their own small way they can help make their own little corner of the world a better place.

Just imagine how it must make them feel every time someone parrots the loose words of the president and calls them The Fake News and The Enemy

of the People.

Actually, they see themselves as truth tellers whose only desire is to serve their community. They do so by going to city council meetings, covering high school football games, telling the stories of your neighbors, sharing information about things to do, and, yes, by holding local government accountable when necessary.

You may support President Trump and his policies, but please do not join the president in his vitriol toward the press and vilification of the fine, hard-working men and women who are out covering meetings and events in the community each day.

It might even be nice during National Newspaper Week, when you see a reporter at a community event, your club or organization, at your child's school or covering a public meeting to go up to them and simply thank them for what they do.

Community journalism matters because communities matter

By Matt Geiger, Executive Editor News Publishing Co., Black Earth, Wis.

"Everything in this newspaper is important to someone."

It's become something of a mantra for me, in recent years.

Weekly community newspapers are eclectic, to say the least. We publish photos of ribbons being cut at bakeries and donations being dropped off at local food pantries. We print the school honor roll, the court report and in-depth stories on decisions made by planning commissions and town boards.

Sometimes we cover murders, abuse and horrific car crashes, and when we do, our community journalists often experience these tragedies as both reporters and neighbors, as both professionals and human beings.

We cover the referendum that will determine whether a new school is built and our readers' taxes will rise. We publish birth announcements, obituaries and the various things that, when wedged between those two book ends, make up the lives that make up our communities.

I've learned more than I ever wanted to know about sewage, in order to

cover the approval and construction of a new treatment plant. I interviewed a survivor of the Iran hostage crisis about what it's like to be held prisoner in a foreign land while the world looks on.

I've interviewed grandmothers about their favorite holiday recipes. Perhaps, most importantly, I've interviewed little kids about what they want to be when they grow up and what type of world they hope to inhabit.

I've even eaten lutefisk, a type of gelatinous Scandinavian fish that is usually only consumed as part of a dare, in the warm hum of a local church's kitchen. I even liked it, which I think qualifies as a kind of small-town gonzo journalism.

People sometimes ask me why community newspapers are important. My reply is always the same. It's because everything in those pages is important to someone. Maybe the ribbon cutting isn't flashy enough to go viral and the Thanksgiving turkey recipe is not going to change culinary trends across the nation. But these things, these small things in communities across the county and across the world, are what give meaning and purpose to all of our lives.

The ribbon cutting is the culmination of a childhood dream. The donations at the food pantry will allow a family to gather around their table without worrying if there is enough to fill each plate. The honor roll goes on the fridge, of course, because it's a reminder to a young student that she can flourish when she applies herself. The birth announcement marks the proudest, greatest moment of a mother and father's life together.

The face looking out from the obituary is one that a wife and children and grandchildren will never kiss again. The new school being paid for with the referendum is where a young student might develop an interest in science, then grow up and develop a treatment for cancer or Alzheimer's, allowing millions of people to live a little longer and have their faces kissed by those who love them a few more times.

Journalism matters, now more than ever, because people matter. Community journalism matters, now more than ever, because roughly half the world's population lives in small communities, and in the pages of their newspapers they see themselves and the ones they love.

Journalism matters because democracy matters to us all

By Dave Zweifel
Editor Emeritus
The Capital Times
Madison, Wis.

An in-depth newspaper investigation revealed that a state-operated home for aged military veterans was providing sub-standard care and that taxpayer money that was to go to improve the home was spent elsewhere. The result was the replacement of the

state's veterans secretary and numerous corrections at the home.

Another investigation explored the increase of neighborhood violence and the proliferation of firearms that awakened community groups and law enforcement to explore ways to address the problems and find solutions before it becomes even worse.

Yet another series of newspaper stories docu-

mented the impact of stormwater runoff on the area's highly-used lakes, complete with proposals on how the environmental damage can be corrected before pollution becomes even worse. Governmental agencies and citizens have since come together to act.

These are recent examples from just one community, Madison, Wisconsin, that are regularly repeated at newspapers, television news outlets and other media throughout the land, all examples of why journalism matters as much today as it has throughout history.

But it's not just the investigative pieces that seek to right a wrong. It's journalism that chronicles the school board meeting, the arguments about whether a city needs a tax increase, the reasons why a water main needs to be replaced, the achievements of the high school scholars, the heroics or, perhaps, the

agonies of the sports team, or the story of a neighborhood volunteer who helps make life better for someone in need.

The founding fathers decided more than 200 years ago that if democracy was to function as they intended, there had to be a means to keep tabs on the people's governments. They adopted the First Amendment to make sure those governments couldn't hinder the people's right to know or silence the opinions that might not please those in power.

Journalism exists to keep the people informed. It exists to spread knowledge and, yes, it exists to provide viewpoints from many different perspectives, to provide the fuel that people in a democracy need to take part in their governments.

Journalism matters because democracy matters. The two are inseparable.



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The deadline is 5 p.m. Monday. Opinions expressed on this page do not necessarily represent the views of this newspaper.

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Minnesota Voices Program

On Thursday, Oct. 18 at noon, Lina Belar, director of the Wadena County Historical Society, will talk about the value of preserving history.

To illustrate how far-reaching an effect a love of local history can go, she will present a documentary about her grandfather, Albin Belar, whose vision of preserving the natural history of Slovenia resulted in the establishment of the Triglav National Park.

This program is part of the Wadena County Historical Society's "Minnesota Voices" series, a free noonday program held the third Thursday of the month, featuring the voices of Minnesota writers, artists and scientists.

The Wadena Museum is located at 603 Jefferson St. N., Wadena. For more information call 218-849-1454 or email 603wchs@arvig.net.

Wadena County Historical Society annual meeting

The Wadena County Historical Society will hold their annual meeting on Friday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. at Maasconi's Char and Bar in Verndale.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Adam Regn Arvidson who will talk about his new book, "Wild and Rare: Tracking Endangered Species in the Upper Midwest."

The book describes a number of species living in Minnesota that are on the Federal Endangered Species List.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with an opportunity to purchase dinner off the menu. Dinner reservations are required.

The business meeting of the Historical Society will be held at 6 p.m. followed by

the guest speaker at 7 p.m. The meeting and the program are free and open to the public and require no reservations.

Maasconi's is located at 210 West Service Drive, Verndale. For dinner reservations and/or information call the Historical Society at 218-631-9079 or email, 603wchs@arvig.net



Local class to be featured on PBS

The Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities program will be highlighted in an upcoming segment of public television's program "Ready for the Future: Career Preparation in Rural Communities." It will be broadcast Sunday, Oct. 14, at 8 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. on Twin Cities PBS TPT2 and TPTMN. On the Lakeland PBS Minnesota channel the show will air Sunday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. and again Sunday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. Lakeland's "MN Channel" is available over the air on channel 9.6 in the Bemidji area, channel 22.6 in the Brainerd area and on many cable systems throughout north central Minnesota.

A film crew and director spent some

time following last year's CEO class which included students from Staples-Motley, Wadena-Deer Creek and Verndale high schools. This year's class has students from Wadena-Deer Creek and Sebeka high schools. Class activities include touring a variety of businesses and manufacturing firms such as Stern Rubber in Staples, above, where Bob Jackson, right, shows the class an illustration. Each student in the class develops their own business, so other activities include talks with individual mentors as well as accountants and financial advisors. The CEO program is sponsored by local businesses including Sourcewell of Staples. (Submitted photo)

Mark Your Calendar

October 12 - 26

WALK-IN FLU SHOT CLINICS sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, will be offered Fri., Oct. 12, 10 a.m. - noon; Fri., Oct. 19, 2 - 4 p.m.; and Fri., Oct. 26, 10 a.m. - noon, at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. The flu shot is recommended for all persons six months of age and older, unless contraindicated for medical reasons. Vaccinating those at high risk for serious complications from the flu is of special concern. These include pregnant women, children younger than five years, people 50 years of age and older, and people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions. For info., 218-631-7629.

October 17

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION Mtg Wed., Oct. 17, 5:30 p.m., Timbers Restaurant, Staples. Public invited.

Staples Motley Area Arts Council sets annual meeting

The Staples Motley Area Arts Council will hold their annual meeting Monday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m. in the lobby of Centennial Auditorium at Staples-Motley High school.

Agenda items include a review of the financial statement and of activities for the past year, goals for the coming year and elections to the board and executive board.

All interested individuals are invited and encouraged to attend.

School workathon Oct. 17 at cemetery

Sacred Heart Area School will hold their annual Workathon on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples. Students will work on cleaning up the cemetery and gravestones.

Last year students did a similar project at the cemetery and found a few graves covered up by grass, so they cleared it out and cleaned up the graves.

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Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018

Staples-Motley High School Gym

Workshops/ rehearsals begin at noon.
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In this digital age, the newspaper audience has never been greater, with millions reading in print, online or via mobile. No matter the medium, those millions of readers rely on their local newspaper.

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Wedding



Iverson, Tipoe

Becki Iverson, daughter of Jeff and Kathy Iverson of Staples and Eli Tipoe, son of Theau and Melanie Tipoe of Coon Rapids, were married Aug. 25, 2018 at a CSA farm in Osceola, Wisc.

Becki is a 2007 graduate of Staples-Motley High School and a 2011 graduate of Augsburg College in Minneapolis. She currently works as the Senior Marketing Coordinator at Faithful+Gould in Minneapolis.

Eli is a 2003 graduate of Flushing High School in New York City, N.Y. In 2005, he received a culinary degree at Le Cordon Bleu in Mendota Heights and in 2012, a bachelor's degree in International Business at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul.

The couple are making their home in Minneapolis.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Karen and Ryan Blank of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Pyper Rose weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on September 28, 2018.

Born to Kaitlyn and Matthew Doss of Browerville, a baby girl, Adaniya Faye weighing five pounds, seven ounces on September 28, 2018.

Born to Jacqueline and Tony Wegscheid of Wadena, a baby boy, Colton John weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on September 30, 2018.

Born to Heather and Ryan Hill of Menahga, a baby boy, Jackson Ryan weighing six pounds, three ounces on October 1, 2018.

Born to Natasha Tanner and Chris Boggs of Brainerd, a baby boy, Everett Bruce weighing eight pounds, two ounces on October 3, 2018.

Born to Allison Wendt and Leo Simkins of Staples, a baby girl, Ellaina Ann weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on October 4, 2018.

Born to Shelly Juaiere and Shawn Wagner of Park Rapids, a baby girl, Sadie Lee-Lorayne weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on October 5, 2018.

Born to Daniele Denny and Dan Butzin of Wadena, a baby boy, Jack Dillon weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on October 5, 2018.



Elaine Cherro

Elaine F. (Winter) Cherro, 84, of Motley passed away October 7, 2018 at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services will be held Sat., Oct. 13, at 11 a.m. at Motley United Methodist Church with Pastor Greg Leslie officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are with Taylor Funeral Care, Staples.

Elaine was born April 2, 1934 to Andrew and Margaret (Jensen) Winter in Wadena County. She married Richard Mertens August 13, 1951 and had four children. Later she married Prosper Cherro on April 25, 1997.

Elaine was a creative and talented seamstress (mending to creating wedding and Christening gowns). She did embroidery quilting, creating beautiful things and over time Elaine completed over 500 quilts for friends and family. She donated many of her pieces for various benefits. Elaine was also an avid reader.

Elaine is survived by two sons, Steven Mertens of Staples and Daniel Mertens of Pelican Rapids, two daughters, Patty (Charlie) Schroeder of Little Falls and Julie (Clark) Dahl of Staples; six grandchildren, Janine (Thom) Paxson, St. Cloud, Amy (Jim) Olafson, Eagan, Kris (Ali) Mertens, Otsego, Andy (Sara) Mertens, Rice, Jessi (Pat) Mertens, Staples and Lacey Fellman of Staples; 11 great-grandchildren, Olivia, Gabriella, Ayla, Lyza, Rudy, Conner, Rylan, Brekken, Kinsley, Ariya and Brinley; five sisters, Lauraine Ulik, Janette (Jim) Lee, Betty (Paul) Wicht, Shelly Morton and Linda Busche and one brother, Rodney Winter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Richard and Prosper; one stillborn daughter; one brother, Dwaine and sister-in-law, Fran Winter and brother-in-law, Ray Ulik.

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MOTLEY United Methodist Church
Fall Harvest Turkey Dinner
Weds., Oct. 17
 Serving 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Turkey dinner with all the trimmings.
 Music by: Rod Enberg
 Adults \$10. Ages 6-12 \$5.
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Vern Hedquist

Vern Hedquist, 59, of Pillager, passed away tragically on October 2, 2018, while performing geotechnical evaluation on I-94.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sat., Oct. 13, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Pillager. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Vernon Carl Hedquist was born November 4, 1958, to Carl and Berniece Hedquist in Brainerd. He married Cindy Pietz on August 5, 1984.

Vern began his career at WSB in 2014. Prior to that he was employed at the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) since 1991. Vern was working as part of a team collecting important data for an upcoming DOT project when the accident occurred. During his tenure at WSB, he liked personal interactions, was attentive in conversations and enjoyed learning. His hobbies included deer and pheasant hunting, four-wheeling and family get-togethers.

He is survived by his wife; four-legged kids Hannah, Sadie and Buddy; parents; one sister, Linda (Ben) Wicklund; one brother, Kevin (Terri) Hedquist; Cindy's mom, RoseMarie Pietz; brother-in-law, Ron (Kathy) Pietz; 10 nieces and nephews; 18 great-nieces and nephews; special niece, Rhonda Christman; great-nieces Jessa and Josephine Kimman; nephews Christopher Pietz and Jeremy Christman.

He was preceded in death by Cindy's dad, Albert Pietz; grandparents, John and Jenny Hedquist and Rudolph and Ida Haux; uncles Jim Haux, Carl Holsapple and Wilard Hedquist; aunts Debbie Holsapple and Florence Eide.

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Audrey Cyrus

Audrey J. Cyrus, 83, of Motley, passed away October 8, 2018, at the Lakewood Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Mon., Oct. 15 at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will take place at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls.

Audrey J. Symanietz was born December 18, 1934 in South St. Paul to Carl and Mathilda (Anderson) Symanietz. She married Glenn Cyrus on November 22, 1952. Together they enjoyed 61 years of marriage. The couple lived in Randall for many years before moving to Motley. Audrey worked at Gambles Department Store and later worked at Hardware Hank in Motley for many years. She was an active member at the Motley Free Methodist Church. She



Marvin Griffith

Marvin Griffith, 88, of Sebek, died October 4, 2018, at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND.

Services were held Oct. 9 at Nimrod Lutheran Church in Nimrod with Pastor Mark Hesse officiating.

Interment will be at Wildwood Cemetery in Pillager.

Arrangements were by Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Marvin was born January 4, 1930 in Pillager to Vernon and Irene (Rogers) Griffith. He was raised and educated in Pillager. Marvin served in the USAF for two years and then was drafted by the US Army, where he served for eight years. He married Jacqueline Larsen in 1960 in Monterey, CA. They lived in Fort Ord for four years, then moved to Lincoln and dairy farmed from 1965 to 1970. Marvin worked as a carpenter for residential construction, later becoming the head carpenter at Cragun's Resort. He retired in 1999. Marvin married Adeline Avelsgard in Motley on May 23, 2001. He enjoyed ice fishing, playing cards, cribbage, pinocle, 500, deer hunting and dancing.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Adeline; two sons, Alex (Sue) Griffith of Staples and Allen of Grand Rapids, MI, one daughter, Augie (Todd) Kresge of Kunkletown, PA; step-children, Allan (Josie) Avelsgard of Sebek, Raymond (Cheryl) Avelsgard of Nimrod, Mary Kay (Mike) Owen of Nimrod; 16 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Vivien (Donna) Griffith of New York Mills; one sister, Charlotte Blank of Clinton, MO; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Duane.

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Ryan Paavola

Ryan William Paavola, 32, passed away September 23, 2018 at Ecumen Transitions in Detroit Lakes with family by his side.

Services were held Sept. 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church, New York Mills with Pastor Kirk Douglas.

Burial was at Woodland Cemetery, New York Mills.

Arrangements were by Karvonen Funeral Home.

Ryan was born August 20, 1986 in Wadena to Larry and Beverley (Hybl) Paavola. He was baptized on Sept. 28, 1986 and confirmed on May 20, 2001 at Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills.

In 2001 Ryan was accepted to the Student Ambassador Program and represented the United States traveling throughout Europe. He graduated from New York Mills High School in 2005. He continued his education at St. Cloud University where he majored in Political Science and minored in Community Development and Public Administration. He attended the Lead America Program in Washington DC in 2009. He was employed with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs in Minneapolis, specializing in benefits and pensions.

He enjoyed traveling overseas, the eastern states, camping and hiking and vacationing in Florida. His interests included the arts, theatre, reading a book in the park and family and friends.

Ryan fought a valiant fight with liver failure and recently made his home in Frazee with his mother and step-father.

Ryan is survived by his mother, Beverley and step-father, Greg Mickelson of Frazee; grandparents, Eldon and Mary Hybl of Staples and Rosella Mickelson of Frazee; numerous "nieces and nephews", cousins, aunts, uncles, other relatives and a host of friends.

Preceding Ryan in death was his father, Larry Paavola; grandparents Wilho and Rosalie Paavola and Lloyd Mickelson.

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Joseph Novotny

Joseph V. Novotny, 90, of Motley died October 1, 2018 at Our Lady of Peace, St. Paul.

Services were held Oct. 9 at The Church of St. Agnes in St. Paul with Fr. Mark Moriarty officiating.

Interment was at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Mueller-Bies Futral Home.

George was born Sept. 13, 1928 to Joseph S. and Matilda (Helstein) Novotny in Lonsdale.

Joe was a veteran who served during the Korean Conflict. He worked construction and was a farmer.

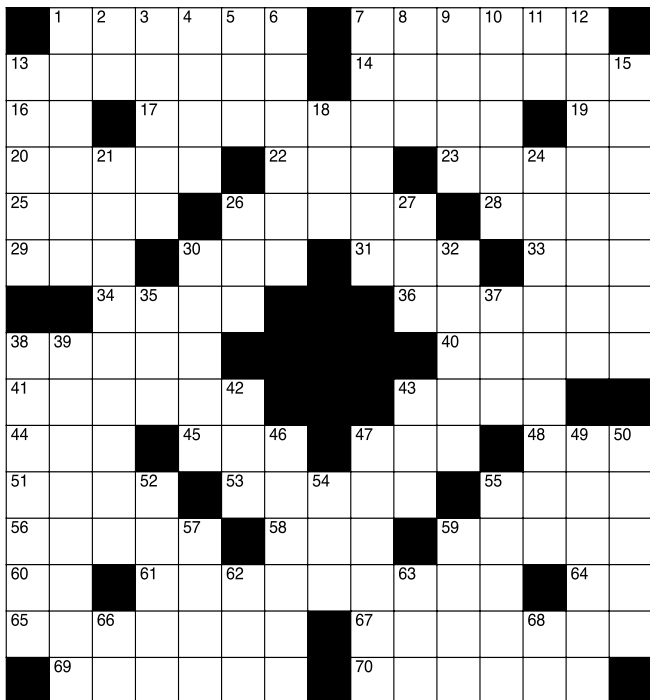
He is survived by his wife Judy (Royer), one sister, Mary Cicha and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and first wife, Joanna.

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Crossword Puzzle

Week 41

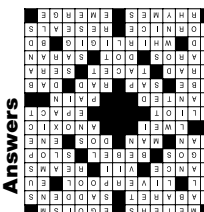


CLUES ACROSS

1. Rhythmic patterns
7. Ethical theory
13. Nightclub
14. Upsets
16. Type of railroad
17. Home of The Beatles
19. Political organization
20. Disgraced cyclist Armstrong
22. Seven
23. Enlarges hole
25. Some are big
26. August __, German socialist
28. Unappetizing food
29. Cast out
30. Adult male
31. After uno
33. Midway between northeast and east
34. Kenyan settlement
36. Oxygen deprived
38. British writer
40. Synchronizes solar and lunar time

CLUES DOWN

1. Spanish seaport
2. Equal to one quintillion (abbr.)
3. Powders
4. One of the "Great" ones
5. Increase motor speed
6. "E.T." director
7. Caught sight of
8. Congressional investigative body
9. Aroma
10. Runs without moving
11. Southeast
12. About remembering
13. Slang for famous person
15. Potential criminal
18. Body part
21. All over the place
24. Conqueror
26. Actress Ling
27. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
30. Distributes
32. Golfing legend Sam
35. Laos musical instrument
37. Open payment initiative
38. Having no fixed course
39. Type of dog
42. Digital audiotape
43. Hit lightly
46. San Diego ballplayers
47. Stop working
49. Suitable for growing crops
50. Musical groups
52. Soft
54. Lowest point of a ridge
55. Beloved late TNT broadcaster
57. Thin strip to align parts
59. Cardinal number
62. Frozen water
63. One who is incredibly special
66. Rhodium
68. Top lawyer in the land



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Sacred Heart Church Fall Festival
Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018 310 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
Mass: 10:30 a.m. DINNER: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 Menu includes: pork loin, chicken, dressing potatoes/gravy, corn, cole slaw, cranberries, squash, rolls, homemade pie.
 •Adults: \$10 •Children 6-12: \$5 •Under 5: free
Take-out orders: call Dan, 218-639-8032



Do you remember?

This ball team photo sent Dave Anderson down memory lane. He wore the jersey from the team's second year to the Staples World office. It was bright orange with green and white accent stripes and had "Miller's Gulf" on the back. Miller's Gulf sponsored the team by purchasing bats and balls, but team members bought their own shirts, Anderson remembered. He also brought in another team shirt shown below with the name "Miller-Holst All-Pro" on the back.

Anderson remembered many of his teammates, but Rita Stone came in with the complete list. Kneeling in front, from left, are Frank Liedenfrost, Norm Card, Dave Anderson and Dick Hegre. In back, from left, are John Berling, Earl Mergens, Joe Carlson, Ron Hillman, Ron Peet and Ron Beachy. Pat Glynn is in the far background.

Oh, and the fellow who sent the original photo? That was Mel Nefstead. Thanks for the memories, Mel and Dave.



Staff at Staples Elementary for 1966-67 school year

Another memory Anderson shared with the Staples World was this photo of the staff at Staples Elementary School for the 1966-67 school year. The dedication and open house at the new building was held Sept. 25, 1966.

Seated, from left, are Bev Nelsen, Cheryl Norsted, Grace Mikkelsen, Dorothy Becker, K. Kongmany from Laos, Rosemary Pomerence, Marion Stone, Hazel Torgerson, Ruth Anfinson and Maureen Baker.

In the middle row, from left, are Ella Topp, Rosemond Mathews, Esther Bottemiller, Dene Fahlander, Ruth Bergien, Ada Roberts, Adeline Peterson, Ruth

Carlson, Evelyn Adams, Mary Beth Morrison, DeEtta Sorenson, Dorthea Tower, Ruth Johnson, Carol Peterson, Devona Dorn and Louise Herman.

In the back row, from left, are Forrest Lundgren, David Anderson, James Gorman, Reuben Hasselberg, Dr. Duane Lund, Donald Logering, Russel Norberg, Norman Card and Richard Hegre.

The program from the dedication listed some statistics for the new building and the 40 acre site. The total cost was \$1,131,574. The cost per square foot was \$13.43 including equipment. (Photo submitted by Dave Anderson)



Third place award

JCI Minnesota President Annie Regan, Paige Lenk, Jessica Davis, Road Run Program Manager and David Waldorf, Individual Development Vice President, presented Paige with her road run award.

JCI Staples attend state convention

JCI Staples members Zachariah Johnson, Megan Haber, Samantha Fischer and Paige Lenk attended the MN JCI Fall state convention in Alexandria Sept. 21-23.

Jaycees across the state gathered to network, learn, share ideas and celebrate their accomplishments throughout the year. "It's also a time to recharge your battery as a volunteer and gain strength from the energy of those around - people facing the same challenges and opportunities," said President Samantha Fischer, JCI Staples.

Awards presented to JCI Staples at the convention included: 3rd in the Parade of Chapters, Gold Chapter and Local Economic Development Program Gold PMG; Todd County Fair Beer Pour.

Individual JCI Staples recognition went to: Megan Haber, Gold Individual Development Vice President and Presidential Medallion; Robin Lenk, Silver Outstanding alumni; Paige Lenk, Gold Community Development Vice President and 3rd place individual road runs with 10; Libby Mumm, Kids Helping Hands Award.

Megan Haber was elected as the Central Area Vice President for the Minnesota Jaycees Statesman Organization. Zachariah Johnson and his brother, Tad Johnson were the MCs for the Friday night awards ceremony.

JCI Staples will be helping at the Corn Maze at Holst Acres and running Boolaween at the Wadena Lanes & Proshop on Oct. 27. Other JCI Staples activities in October include Adopt A Highway, Adopt A Park, Rudy's Pantry Social and a membership meeting.

To be a part of a Jaycees event or become a member of the organization, contact President Samantha Fischer at 507-766-0238.

JCI Staples is an organization of active citizens age 18 to 40 who are engaged and committed to creating impact in their communities. The Jaycees provide development opportunities that empower people to create positive change. More information can be found at JCI MN.ORG.



JCI Staples at convention

Zachariah Johnson, Megan Haber and Samantha Fischer in front of the Jaycees Creed.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

An aeration system will be operating after Nov. 15, 2018 until ice out on Lake Shamineau on the South shore about 1-1/2 miles East of West end of the lake, which will result in thin ice and open water.

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TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
215 First Ave. South
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday October 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1. **Michael D Ames:** Lot 12 Block 1 of Spring Beach in Burnhamville Township Site Address: 18113 Dunlin Road. PIN: 06-0069700
- 2) Request to build a 24' x 30' garage 3' from the side lot line.
2. **Arnold Jenc:** Lots 14

& 15-Block 1 of Eastwood Estates in Gordon Township

Site Address: NA. PIN: 10-0077000

1) Request to build a storage shed with a maximum building height of 22 ft. instead of the allowed 18 ft.

3. **Educational Discussion** with Attorney Jason J. Kuboushek, Board of Adjustment Members, and Staff

Adjournment.
Next meeting: November 29, 2018

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters.

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair

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LYONS TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR BIDS

Lyons Township is seeking bids for Road Plowing and Grading, Gravel Delivery and Application, Road Repair and Brush Cutting.

Contact Neal Malcore, 27549 Co. Rd. 7, Verndale, MN 56481 by Nov. 1, 2018.

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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 appointment to view the buses, call Scott Engbretson at 218-894-5400 x 3020.

Bids must be submitted 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 envelope. Sealed bids should be mailed, or delivered in person, to the School District Office located at 202 Pleasant Avenue NE, Staples, 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 October 22 meeting.

The Staples-Motley School board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any technicalities.

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

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NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Beware open water and thin ice. Aeration to occur on south shore along Lakeshore Drive beginning November 1, 2018 until April, 2019. For inquiries call 612-810-4200.

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NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the south shore of Lake Shamineau. Starting November 15, 2018 and into the early months of 2019. For inquiries call 763-535-1079.

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Staples Alliance Church is grateful to Pastor Paul Johnson



for 4 + 14 years of faithful service to our God and our community.

We wish you well as the new chaplain for Lakewood Health System

All who have appreciated Paul's ministry are invited to join us as we express our appreciation in our 9:30 a.m. service, **Sunday, October 14, at Staples Alliance.**

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Precision demolition

An excavator picks up a refrigerator out of the second story of a home getting demolished by Hengel Construction in Staples on Oct. 5. Note the snow on the ground and roof, as it was the first snowfall of the season that day. The home was located on 3rd Street NE next to the Staples Police Station. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Two vehicle accident injures two

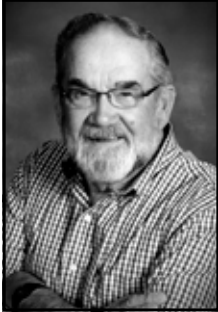
On Oct. 5, at 5:06 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. responded to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Cty Rd 23 and Cty Rd 4. Arriving on the scene, law enforcement found that Kimberly Edin, 58, of Staples, traveling eastbound on Cty Rd 4, failed to yield the right of way resulting in Edin colliding with a vehicle driven by Jenna Ashman, 29, of Verndale, who was traveling northbound on Cty Rd 23. Edin's Chevrolet Traverse struck Ashman's Jeep Cherokee in the driver's door. Ashman's Jeep rolled two and a half times, coming to rest in the northeast ditch of the intersection. Edin's Traverse spun and came to a rest on the northeast shoulder of the intersection. Ashman and her passenger were transported to Tri-County Hospital's ER in Wadena, for non-life threatening injuries. Edin, who was unharmed, walked away from the crash. The Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. was assisted by the MN State Patrol, Verndale Police, Verndale Fire Dept. and Lakewood Health System Ambulance Service, Staples.

Youth to celebrate National 4-H Week

For the 76th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week from Oct. 7-13. This year's theme, Inspire Kids to Do, is a campaign that will give kids more opportunities to do, empowering them with the skills they need to succeed in life and career. Throughout National 4-H Week, Wadena 4-H will showcase the many ways 4-H inspires kids to do through hands-on learning experiences as well as highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them. 4-H was founded on the belief that when kids are empowered to pursue their passions and chart their own course, their unique skills grow and take shape, helping them to become true leaders in their lives, careers and communities. Wadena County 4-H youth, parents, volunteers and supporters will kick off National 4-H Week by celebrating the things that we have done this past year during our annual Fall Recognition & Awards Banquet on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. at the 4-H building on the Wadena County Fairgrounds. We'll also be running some fun contests on our Facebook page so give us a 'like' at www.facebook.com/wadenacounty4H and to stay tuned in to what's happening with our local 4-H program year round. "4-H is such a valuable program and one that the whole family can be involved in. Our goal is to help kids become the best version of themselves to create a better generation for tomorrow. We do this by helping them find and/or grow their passion, connection to caring adults and service learning and community service," said Virginia Hendrickx, 4-H Program Coordinator. "I love to see the variety of service projects our kids decide to do. The West Jolly Jets 4-H Club hosts a Veteran's Dinner each year with all proceeds going to Project New Hope. The Leaf River Builders 4-H Club is working on more of a 'hundred year project,' planting and caring for some beautiful new trees at the county fairgrounds after building benches to sit in their shade. Each of our 8 community clubs is different, but they all choose to participate in some sort of community service project each year and we can see how they better our communities. For those looking for a reason to have hope for the future, these kids are it!" During the 2017-2018 4-H year, our most popular projects were Shooting Sports & Wildlife, Horse, and Creative Arts. We're working on some new events for this coming year that we hope will have more families interested and promote some of our other over 60 project areas, the newest being robotics and science of animals. 4-H alumni around the country are always the first to acknowledge the significant positive impact that 4-H had on them as young people. In fact, research has shown that young people in 4-H are nearly four times as likely to contribute to their communities and are twice as likely to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs during after school time. In Wadena County more than 219 4-H youth and 45 volunteers from the community are involved in 4-H. Also in October, 4-H National Youth Science Day kicks off on Oct. 1 and takes place throughout the month. The 2018 4-H NYSD challenge, now in its 11th year, is called Code Your World, a computer science-themed challenge co-developed by Google and West Virginia University Extension Service. Code Your World will teach kids a wide variety of skills in a four-part series that will enable them to apply computer science to the world around them. This hands-on experience includes a computer-based activity on Google's CS First platform, as well as three unplugged activities that bring coding to life through games and interaction. Code Your World is perfect for first-time and beginner coders, ages eight to 14. To learn more about 4-H and 4-H National Youth Science Day, please visit http://www.4-h.org. or contact Virginia Hendrickx, 4-H Program Coordinator at 218-631-7623, carrl002@umn.edu

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Story still going strong

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ished writing and that any subsequent chapters of "Rachel's Odyssey" would have to be completed by her children.

After all, at that point she had already lived 45 years longer than what was expected for women the year she was born. Now, in 2018, she's surpassed that life expectancy by 50 years. That in itself, as well as the fact that she still has 20/20 vision and can walk by herself, seems to merit a few additional paragraphs in "Rachel's Odyssey." For anyone who's had the opportunity to visit with Rachel recently, it's clear her odyssey is a rich, inspiring one that's still going strong.

Many shared memories

Tony Walthal (right) of Staples gives his mom, Rachel Walthal, a hug at her 105th birthday party Oct. 4, at Lakewood Pines in Staples. Tony's wife, Joey (not pictured), had put together a number of photo displays for the party, help-

ing tell the story of Rachel's life from her childhood years in Hawaii through her recent years in Staples. "She's a good egg," Tony said of his mother. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Celebrating with friends

Residents at Lakewood Pines in Staples were treated to cupcakes and ice cream in honor of fellow resident Rachel Walthal's 105th birthday Oct. 4. Pictured, from left, are Juanita Miller, Donna Denny, Leonard Gedde, Walthal, Aletha DeYoung. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

AUCTION

The following items will be sold at auction from Lincoln, MN 5.7 miles East on Cty. Rd. 3, then South on #204, 1-1/2 mi.; or from Pillager, MN 8 mi. South on Cty. Rd. 1, then 2 mi. West on Cty. Rd. 3 to #204, then 1-1/2 mi. south to site located at 6002 Ogema Pt. Trail, Cushing, MN.

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Sears air compressor Misc. tires Hydraulic cylinders Chainsaws: Stihl 023, Stihl 031 AV, Stihl 031 AV, McCulloch, 1-43 Yellow, nice shape 5-gal. pails Reddy heater 100,000 BTU Long handled tools 100 gal. field sprayer Radio Tool boxes Grease guns Craftsman tools Misc. hand tools Sockets & wrenches Nuts & bolts Snow fence Misc. gas cans 5" vice bench Misc. small wheels 3 pt. Shakee Craftsman 6" bench grinder Small 4'X8' trailer

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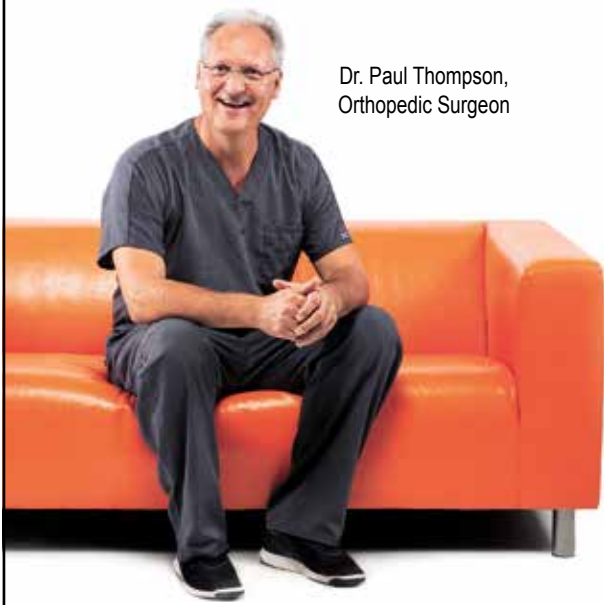
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Tennis action

Left, Haley Cichos flies in to smack a passing shot. Above, Tasha Achermann reaches a lob shot. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals push ranked team to the limit

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team ended the regular season with a valiant effort against ninth ranked Minnewaska on Oct. 2. The Cardinals did not back down, making every match competitive and they earned a couple of

wins in a 5-2 loss. The two wins came from Jenna Dvorak at number two singles and Tasha Achermann at four singles. The doubles team of Haley Cichos and Keara Kern forced a third set super-tiebreaker, but lost, coming

that close to taking a third win from a ranked team. The good performance could give Staples-Motley confidence as they head into postseason play. The Cardinals start the playoffs on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 9 a.m., as the fifth seed in Section 8A. They face fourth seeded Crookston for the right to play top seed Park Rapids later that same day. The championship match is Friday, Oct. 12, also the same day that the individual tournament starts. All section matches will be played at Courts Plus in Fargo.

Team results
Staples-Motley 2, Minnewaska 5
Singles: Lauren Rutten L 6-3, 6-1; Jenna Dvorak W 2-6, 6-3, 10-7; Rose Han L 6-1, 6-4; Tasha Achermann W 4-6, 7-5, 11-9
Doubles: Tiffany Achermann/Abby DiGiovanni L 6-1, 6-0; Haley Cichos/Keara Kern L 6-4, 4-6, 10-5; Ellie DiGiovanni/Allison Knosalla L 6-1, 6-0



Hitting on the run

Jenna Dvorak catches up to a shot in her win against Minnewaska. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

VB team runs into tough opponents

The Staples-Motley volleyball team played two tough teams and then had a disappointing tournament, falling to Verndale 3-1 on Oct. 3, losing to Detroit Lakes 3-1 on Oct. 5, and ending up 0-3 in the Long Prairie Tournament on Oct. 6. The Cardinals have three games and one tournament left in the regular season. Playoffs start Thursday, Oct. 25.

Team results
Staples-Motley1, Verndale 3
22-25, 25-22, 20-25, 20-25
Mackenna Bjerga: Ace-1, digs-3, assists-20
Kiera Dumpprope: digs-1, kills-3, blocks-1
Aubrey Brandt: Ace-1, digs-26, kills-1
Bella Martin: digs-7, kills-2, blocks-1

Brooke Heldman: digs-2, assists-1, kills-1
Tabetha Allen: Ace-1, digs-6, assists-1, kills-12, blocks-1
Alix Peterson: aces-2, digs-14, kills-6, blocks-1
Heidi Lombard: digs-17
Staples-Motley 1, Detroit Lakes 3
15-25, 20-25, 25-22, 13-25
Bjerga: Ace-1, digs-4, assists-19
Dumpprope: digs-6, assist-1, kills-3, block-1
Brandt: Ace-1, digs-14, assist-1, Kills-4, block-1
Allen: Ace-1, digs-3, assist-1, kills-7
Martin: aces-3, digs-4
Peterson: Ace-1, digs-14, Kills-10
Lombard: digs-13, assists-1
Ava Schneider: digs-1
Long Prairie Tournament
Little Falls 0-2; 21-25, 21-25
Breckenridge 1-1; 21-25, 25-22
Swanville 0-2; 25-27, 16-25

Hard work is paying off for swim team

The Staples-Motley/Verndale girls swim team recorded their second JV victory at St. Cloud Apollo on Oct. 2, then the varsity swam well against some of the top teams in the area at the True Team section on Oct. 6. “We’ve been working on being more aggressive with our races and the girls have been really working making those changes,” said Coach Amanda Olson. “We are proud of them for battling it out especially when we’re at one of the toughest points in the season when they are physically, emotionally, and mentally exhausted, yet they keep battling and fighting to be better. It’s really been great to see times still drop despite all of this.”

Against St. Cloud Apollo, the 200 medley relay of Leah Crider, Lili Schneider, Adriana Dickey, and Joelle Bounds started strong with another best time of the season. In the 200 freestyle, Olivia Holmberg dropped 8 seconds and Bel Birkholtz dropped 17 for the JV. In the varsity heat, Malaya Reem and Aften Robinson went back to back, just .05 seconds apart. Reem dropped 4 seconds and Robinson another second from her best. Schneider won the 200 IM with a new best time of 2:41.32. Bounds took 2nd in the 50 free with a new best of 29.21. In the 100 fly, Reem took 3rd with a near best time with Brooke Ferdon dropping 8 seconds for 5th place. Sabina Moe dropped 13 seconds to take 2nd in her 100 freestyle (JV) with Holmberg dropping 2 seconds for 4th. In the 100 free varsity, Bounds had a



Power of the pumpkin

Leah Crider and Joelle Bounds brought pumpkins to the true team swim meet, and both had excellent meets at the True Team section. The team has now adopted pumpkins as their season symbol. (Submitted photo)

new best time to take 2nd, with Crider dropping a second off her time, and Gen Groetsch dropping 2 off of her best. Schneider swam a strong 500 that was a near best time to take 2nd place. The 200 Free Relay of Bounds, Dickey, Robinson, and Schneider swam strong to take 2nd. Crider dropped another 3 seconds in her 100 backstroke to take 4th with Val Lozano dropping 4 seconds off of her personal best. Robinson took 3rd while Sabina Moe and Mireia Forner both dropped time in the 100 breaststroke varsity. This was the second year after the Cardinals were moved into a new section. Last year the team was overwhelmed and had one time drop. “This year everyone had time drops and they truly swam their hearts out for their team,” said Olson.

“They had a positive attitude and they truly competed in their races.” Highlights include: Mandy Carter dropped 2 seconds in her 200 freestyle for a 2:37. Bounds had a personal best in the 50 freestyle with a 28.80. Reem dropped 5 seconds in her 100 butterfly to move from a seeded 34th place up to 25th. Schneider took 15th in the 100 Freestyle with her new season best. Evelyn Gonzalez and Crider both dropped 2 seconds in their 100 backstroke. Schneider dropped 2 seconds in the breaststroke to get a new personal best of 1:14 and earned herself 5th place. Robinson dropped 2 seconds as well to earn a spot in the top 30. Each of the relays had great splits and time drops as well.

Basketball meeting for grades 3-6

A basketball registration meeting for parents of Staples-Motley students in grades three through six will be Monday, Oct. 22, at 5:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

This is for both boys and girls basketball players. The meeting will cover registration, uniforms and the player handbook.

Wildlife photography enthusiasts: f/8 and be there

There’s an expression in the world of photojournalism and documentary photography that says a lot about what it takes to regularly capture outstanding images with a camera. It’s attributed to a photographer who worked primarily in the 1930’s and 1940’s. When asked how he managed to do such consistently good work, his answer was a cryptic “f/8, and be there.” “f / 8 ” will be most familiar to those who used cameras in the days when images were captured on film, and there was little or nothing automatic about cameras. A good photographer had to know a great deal about the science behind photography, enough to properly adjust a camera’s lens opening—making it small or large—and the amount of time that light would fall on the film—the camera’s “shutter speed.”

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

A camera’s lens could open wide to let in more light, or be closed down to a smaller opening when less light was needed, or wanted; just like our eyes. The size of the lens’s opening was called an “f-stop.” The smaller the lens opening, the more of the final im-

age would be in-focus. The larger the opening, the less in focus. f/8 is right there in the middle, suited to many light conditions, and yields a picture that will be mostly in-focus. This made f/8 a favorite of photojournalists taking pictures for newspapers and magazines. Today our photographic images are not recorded in chemical reactions on thin strips of plastic film, but recorded digitally by a process having much in common with computers. If we so choose, today’s cameras can do most of the thinking for us with their computer-like brain, and usually give us technically acceptable—if not award-winning—images. To me, the real significance of “f/8 and be there” is not that this camera setting will often give us properly exposed photographs. Its real significance lies in the fact that the person peering through the lens of the camera must “be there” when a photographic opportunity presents itself. I’ve had the pleasure to know several fine photographers quite well. One specializes in photographing wildlife. Not only has he put in the time outdoors to know intimately the habits of wildlife, but he devotes hours of preparation and hours “on location,” waiting for an animal to show itself and present an opportunity for a photograph. Submerged waist-deep in a marsh in a self-made blind—which he built to look like a muskrat

house—is just one example of the lengths to which he’ll go. Sometimes a picture can be anticipated and planned, like Bill waiting patiently in his muskrat house-blind for ducks to appear. At other times a “lucky” photograph will just present itself; but being prepared, ready, and able to capture it is not entirely luck. As Minnesota Vikings coaching great Bud Grant was known to say: “Luck is the intersection of preparation and opportunity.” Several months ago my wife and I sold our house in town and moved to a rural home. At least four days every week I drive 30 minutes each way to an office. On those days I leave home as the Eastern sky is brightening with the dawn, and return when the sun is sinking toward the Western horizon. Those are prime times for wildlife to be abroad; feeding, returning to shelter to spend the day in hiding, searching out prey, and generally doing things that wildlife of all kinds do at these hours. I’m not an accomplished photographer, though from time to time I’ve illustrated some of my writing with my own photographs. Still, it’s a form of art I’ve always been drawn to. Every day when I drive this route, winding past agricultural crop fields, woodlots, and heavy forest, a camera rides on the seat next to me. Usually, it’s equipped with a telephoto lens capable of greatly enlarging a subject. I’m aware of the dangers

of distracted driving, and religiously avoid things like text-messaging while behind the wheel. But as I drive the backroads on this lightly-traveled route, I’m alert for objects and motion in my peripheral vision. If I spot a wild turkey displaying at the edge of a woodlot, a deer browsing in a road ditch, or sandhill cranes foraging in a field, I’ll glance in the rear-view mirror, and—if all is clear—roll to a stop, window down, ready to pick up the camera and try to frame the “quarry” for a shot. Or, I may drive past, turn around in a farmer’s driveway or at the next road intersection, and return. I’m ready to hit the emergency flashers as I pull off onto the road shoulder, raise the camera, and try to bring the subject into focus. Canada geese, raccoons, wild turkeys, whitetail deer, sandhill cranes—even a black bear, standing tall as a man—have been “bagged” on these photo-hunting minisafaris. Not always do the wild creatures cooperate. At times they pose like models, at other times they become alarmed at the first hint of your intention to photograph them. But the point for me is to be prepared and expectant, whether on a drive to or from the office, or en route to a fishing or hunting destination. It’s f/8 and be there; with emphasis on the “be there.” Or, as the Boy Scout motto says: “be prepared.”

CC teams race faster than ever

Already enjoying a successful season, many Staples-Motley cross country runners had their fastest times ever when they competed in the Perham Invitational on Oct. 4.

For the girls, Kira Sweeney and Kyanna Burton were both outstanding, setting PRs to lead the team

to fifth place in the high powered meet that had top Class A teams, a few Class AA teams and schools from Fargo. Addisyn Cichos, Abby Brown and Madysen Hull all improved their times.

Emmet Anderson took off fast and held on to win by one second in the

boys race. Hunter Klimek, Ben Bartczak and Bentley Christensen also ran their fastest race ever, and Jack Tyrrell broke 18 minutes for the first time in his career.

Team results

Girls results: Staples-Motley 5th of 18 teams

Varsity: 9. Kira Sweeney 19:24, 16. Kyanna Burton 19:44, 37. Addison Lorber 20:16, 43. Ashley Robben 20:24, 70. Addisyn Cichos 21:24, 117. Abby Brown 23:14, 124. Madysen Hull 23:29

JV: 80. Jorie Ihme 26:29
Middle school race (3,000 M): 74. Brooke Hansen 19:29, 75. CJ Koval 19:32

Boys results: Staples-Motley 7th of 27 teams

Varsity: 1. Emmet Anderson 15:45, 9. Hunter Klimek 16:21, 46. Ben Bartczak 17:20, 50. Bentley Christensen 17:24, 59. Tanner Robben 17:35, 74. Jack Tyrrell 17:54, 83. Luke Brownell 18:13

JV: 21. Isaac Christoffersen 18:15, 25. Brayden Christensen 18:23, 26. Austin Johnson 18:23, 55. Sam Jennissen 19:01, 74. Issiah Tabatt 19:26, 119. Jacob Schmitz 20:26, 209. Jonah Johnson 24:07, 225. Alex Brings 29:02

Middle school race (3,000 M): 16. Logan Robben 12:41, 38. Dillan Robben 13:12, 108. William Dolezal 15:06

Football team shut down 14-0 at WCA

The Staples-Motley football team's offense was slowed down by West Central Area in a 14-0 loss on Oct. 5. The Cardinals had 137 total yards, 69 passing and 68 rushing, but only converted one of eleven third down attempts, making it hard to sustain their drives.

The team gave up one touchdown in the first quarter and one in the second. The defense played well, with Logen Weite intercepting a pass, but they gave up 223 rushing yards

and were losing field position throughout the night. Top Cardinal tacklers were Scout Strickland with 14 (4 solo and 10 assists), Cade Schmidt with 12, Evan Narnik with 9 and Weite with 8.

Team results

Rushing: Jordan Carlson 2-25, Max Strickland 2-22, Cade Schmidt 10-14, Logen Weite 4-8

Passing: Max Strickland 10-22, 53 yards; Josh Lombard 2-6, 15 yards

Receiving - Carlson 5-34, Isiah Demars 1-11, Schmidt 1-9, Matthew Fisher 1-5, Finn Erholtz 1-5, Weite 1-(-7)

Small game surveys

Small game license sales were down about four percent in 2017 compared to the previous year, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources annual small game survey.

Results for 2017 include, by species:

Ducks - 63,426 hunters, representing a six percent decrease from 2016. Despite slightly fewer hunters, duck harvest increased 12 percent with 688,225 ducks harvested. Hunters averaged more ducks bagged for the season (12.5 ducks compared to 10.9 ducks in 2016).

Canada goose - 44,678 hunters, an eight percent increase from the previous year. Estimated Canada goose harvest was 267,192 geese, a 23 percent

increase.

Ring-necked pheasant - 45,263 hunters, a 32 percent decrease compared to 2016. Pheasant harvest declined from 196,141 roosters to 171,883, a 14 percent decline.

Ruffed grouse - 80,654 hunters, similar to the previous year. Harvest was 285,180 compared to 308,955 grouse in 2016.

Small game license sales have been declining over time, and this year's results continue that trend; however, the annual survey does not ask hunters the reasons why they did or did not hunt.

"Small game hunting offers a tremendous opportunity to show safe and fun hunting practices," said James Burnham, recruitment (R3) coordinator.



Kira Sweeney



Ben Bartczak

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MFD elects new officers

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Brad Olson and Jim Uhlman will serve as the Motley Fire Department's Fire Chief and 1st Asst. Chief respectively for the remainder of 2018.

The Motley City Council approved the appointments of these veteran firefighters at their regular council meeting Oct. 8.

In addition, the council accepted the resignations of Fire Chief Kyle Frisk and firefighter Ben Vogt.

Frisk indicated in his letter that he was stepping down from his position as chief due to a new job opportunity that will consume the majority of his time. He will continue on as a firefighter with the department.

City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja said that Vogt had dropped off his gear this past July and indicated he was resigning



New fire chief

Brad Olson was recently approved as the Motley Fire Chief for the remainder of 2018.

from the MFD. Although the fire department never received anything in writing from Vogt, they were confident he had resigned, noting that he had not been back to the fire hall since

July. In the discussion prior to accepting these resignations, council member Amy Hutchison noted how much the council appreciates the support of the fire department and how valuable the MFD firefighters are.

Brad Olson has been a member of the MFD for the past eight years, most recently serving as 1st Asst. Chief. A native of Brainerd, Olson now lives in the Motley area and has enjoyed being a part of the MFD. He's looking forward to his new position as chief, but expects there will be a lot more paperwork, he said. In addition to his role at the MFD, Olson works as a lineman at Brainerd Public Utilities.

Uhlman, the new 1st Asst. Chief, was not present at the council meeting. Jace Carlson will continue on as 2nd Asst. Chief with the MFD.



Hayride at the annual Harvest Festival

Glen Moon, driving the John Deere tractor, offered hayrides during the Community Harvest Festival at Motley Free Methodist Church Oct. 6. Approximately 140 attended the free event, which included games, prizes, treats and lunch.

*Harvest Festival
photos by
Dawn Timbs*

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 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.

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 218-894-2296
Church
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
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
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Bible study 7:30 p.m.

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Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.

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Oylen Alliance
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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
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Verndale

Verndale Alliance
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VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
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Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
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Discipleship Classes 9:00 a.m.
Prayer 9:20 a.m.
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Hope Chapel Alliance
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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
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218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist
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Pastor Chuck Horsager
218-639-4225
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.



Tasty treats

People of all ages enjoyed a variety of goodies at the Community Harvest Festival in Motley Oct. 6. Pictured above, Ron Odenthal hands out cotton candy to the Snyder siblings. From left, Xander, Juliette, Evelyn and Vincent. Below, enjoying lunch are, from left, Helen and Don Harvey; and Curt Hirschey, all of Pillager.



Fun and games

The Community Harvest Festival, sponsored by Motley Free Methodist Church, featured a number of games and activities in celebration of the fall season. Above, Carston Clarine of Pillager plays the ring toss game while Jim Nelson (the game's facilitator) watches.

Two injured in crash

Two individuals were transported to Essentia Hospital in Brainerd Oct. 8, following a two-vehicle crash in Sylvan Township. The incident took place at 6:45 a.m., near mile marker 112 on Hwy 210.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, 30-year-old Kyle Borchert of Long Prairie was driving a Dodge Dakota pickup east-bound on Hwy 210; and

46-year-old David Stumvoll of Pillager was westbound, driving a Chevrolet Tahoe SUV.

The report states that Borchert drove onto the right shoulder of Hwy 210, overcorrected and went over the centerline into the oncoming westbound lane, striking Stumvoll's vehicle. Stumvoll swerved to avoid the oncoming pickup but was struck head-on.

Trunk or Treat event

Join the Motley Community on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Motley-Staples Middle School parking lot for Trunk or Treat. Set up is at 1 p.m. and trick or treating is from 2 - 4 p.m.

Trunk or Treat is a safe way for children in the community to go trick or treating. The weekend scheduling also offers an alternative to busy students and working parents when Halloween falls on a school night.

"This is a great way for the community to work together to make it a safe environment for our children," said Sherry Miller Frisk, one of the event coordinators.

All residents in the community are invited to participate by decorating the trunk of their vehicle and even wearing a costume. A prize will be given for the best decorated trunk. "Beware...rumor has it a cackling witch will be there," Frisk said, adding, "Hope to see you all there packing the parking lot with trunks full of treats for the kids."

For more information, call Sherry at 218-352-6137.

Jesus said, "Love your enemies."

Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church

Ernest Gordon was a British soldier during WWII, captured and forced to endure hard labor, while building what became known as the Railroad of Death, the same railway made famous by the movie Bridge on the River Kwai. What that movie failed to adequately portray was the cruelty, neglect and even torture of the prisoners. Of the 61,000 allied POW's who worked on that railroad 16,000 died from abuse, illness and starvation.

Gordon wrote of a time when he and his fellow-prisoners witnessed a group of wounded Japanese soldiers being transported through the area where they were laboring. This is what they saw:

"They were on their own and without medical care.... Their uniforms were encrusted with mud, blood, and excrement. Their wounds, sorely inflamed and full of pus, crawled with maggots. We could understand now why the Japanese were so cruel to their prisoners. If they didn't care for their own, why should they care for us?"

"The wounded men looked at us forlornly as they sat with their heads resting against the carriages wait-

ing fatalistically for death. They were the refuse of the war; there was nowhere to go and no one to care for them....

"Without a word, most of the officers in my section unbuckled their packs, took out part of their ration and a rag or two, and, with water canteens in their hands went over to the Japanese train to help them. Our guards tried to prevent us... but we ignored them and knelt by the side of the enemy to give them food and water, to clean and bind up their wounds, to smile and say a kind word. Grateful cries of 'arragatto!' ('thank you.') followed us when we left.

"I regarded my comrades with wonder. Eighteen months ago they would have joined readily in the destruction of our captors had they fallen into their hands. Now these same men were dressing the enemy's wounds. We had experienced a moment of grace, there in those blood-stained railway cars. God had broken thought the barriers of our prejudice and had given us the will to obey his command, 'Thou shalt love.'"

Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

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