



Cloud of another shape

A curious cloud formation was spotted the morning of Aug. 2. Some viewed it as an angel with wings spread, a mushroom, a hammerhead shark head and an atomic bomb cloud. The formation arose behind a misty tree lined hill and perched above a ripening wheat field. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Hello, Readers,
From the scent of a rare first edition book found in an old time book collection, to a crisp, fresh book at the local supermarket, the very sight of a book can bring back memories. Reading as a child, enjoying the short stories, the long books and the ability to lose yourself in a story so powerful that at the end your asking yourself where to get the next book in the series. This is for the reader in all of us, the celebration of Book Lovers Day on Aug. 9. Maybe a visit to your local library is in order? After all public libraries existed even way back in the Middle Ages, but they didn't really let many folks take books home. The librarians in those days chained books to shelves or desks in order to prevent theft of the carefully hand written tomes. Many librarians will gladly help you find a title to read. Check the Staples Public Library at 122 6th St. NE.

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Ag Center celebrates 50 years at Field Day

Whether you know very little about agriculture and want some fun ways to learn about it or you are in the business and want to expand your knowledge, the Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center has an activity for you at their Field Day Friday, Aug. 24.

They'll even give you lunch with the best sweet corn around. The day and its activities are free of charge, including lunch.

Minnesota State Chancellor Devinder Malhotra is one of the featured speakers at the lunch along with U. S. Rep. Collin Peterson from Congressional District 8. Keith Olander, director of the Ag Center, will be the host.

Workshops offered are on orchards and specialty crops, including new research on Kernza, a perennial wheat grass. Another timely topic is Palmer Amaranth, an inva-

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Speakers at Field Day

Among the speakers at the Ag Center Field Day are: top left, Devinder Malhotra, Minnesota State Chancellor; top center, Keith Olander, Ag Center director; top right, U.S. Rep Collin Peterson; bottom left, Del Lecy, author of Ag Center history book; and bottom right, Thaddeus McCamant, fruit specialty crops. (Submitted photos)

School building project hits a snag

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

A difference of opinion regarding a consulting services contract is causing progress on the Staples-Motley School District building project to slow down.

The school board discussed options on how to proceed at a work session Aug. 6.

The consensus was that their obligation to the initial consulting firm was complete. The board directed Ron Bratlie, the interim superintendent, and the build-

ing steering committee to contact WSN (Widseth Smith Nolting), the firm hired by the district to develop architectural plans, to ask if they would continue with those plans.

The school board hired FJJ (Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc.)

in February, 2017, as consultants to lead the board and district in developing a long range facility plan.

The district and the FJJ are disagreeing about payment for services the board believes were

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Primary will determine Nov. 6 ballots

The Minnesota primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 14. The election will determine which county and state candidates will be on the ballot for the general election on Nov. 6. In each county race, the top two will face off in the general election.

Wadena County will choose from five candidates running for county auditor/treasurer: Brian Hagen, Curtis Kreklau, Heather Olson, Stacy Smagacz and Judy Taves.

Wadena County District 5 has three candidates for county commissioner: Jon Kangas, Curtis Ronneberg and Randy Wenthold.

Todd County has one county commissioner race on the primary ballot. In District 4, Nikki Deyle, Robert Henrich and David Kircher will be on the ballot.

Morrison also has a county auditor/treasurer race with five candidates: Tammy (Virnig) Giuliani, Deb Lowe, Chelsey Robinson and Ross Wamre.

In Cass County there will be no local races in the primary election, as only one candidate filed for each position on the ballot.

State elections

For the primary election, voters must choose among candidates from one party only. Republican candidates will be on one side of the ballot and Democratic candidates will be on the other side, and voters can only vote on one side and not the other. The top candidate from each party will be on the Nov. 6 general election ballot. Independent candidates and other parties will also be on the general election ballot.

State offices that will be on the primary election include: Minnesota Governor, Minnesota Attorney General. Federal offices on the ballot include both U.S. Senate seats and U.S. Representatives for District 7 and District 8.

Republican candidates

Governor and Lieutenant Governor: Jeff Johnson and Donna Bergstrom, Tim Pawlenty and Michelle Fischbach, Matt Kruse and Theresa Loeffler

Attorney General: Robert Lessard, Sharon Anderson, Doug Wardlow

U.S. Senator: Rae Hart Anderson, Jim Newberger,

Merrill Anderson, Roque De La Fuente

U.S. Senator special election: Bob Anderson, Karin Housley, Nikolay Nikolayevich Bey

U.S. Representative District 7: Matt Prosch, Dave Hughes

U.S. Representative District 8: Pete Stauber, Harry Robb Welty

Democratic candidates

Governor and Lieuten-

ant Governor: Lori Swanson and Rick Nolan, Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan, Tim Holden and James Mellin II, Ole Savior and Chris Edman, Erin Murphy and Erin Maye-Quade

Attorney General: Debra Hilstrom, Matt Pelikan, Tom Foley, Keith Ellison, Mike Roghman

U.S. Senator: Stephen Emery, Amy Klobuchar, David Groves, Leonard Richards, Steve Carlson

U.S. Senator special election: Gregg Iverson, Tina Smith, Nick Leonard, Richard Painter, Ali Chehem Ali, Christopher Lovell Seymore

U.S. Representative District 7: Collin Peterson

U.S. Representative District 8: Kristen Kennedy, Michelle Lee, Jason Metsa, Joe Radinovich, Soren Christian Sorensen

Local candidate filing starting out slowly

Three candidates have filed for the eleven open seats in local elections, after the first week of filing. Filing for local offices is open until Aug. 14.

Staples-Motley School Board has three open seats, with current board member Mary Freeman filing for one of the seats. The other two seats are currently held by Brad Anderson and Bruce Lund.

The Staples City Council has no candidates filed as of Aug. 7. Three seats are open, currently held by Brian Fisher, Roy Miles and Ron Murray. Also the Mayor's seat, held by Chris Etzler, is open.

In Motley, Mayor Al Yoder filed to run

for that office again.

Pat O'Regan filed for the remaining two years on the council seat vacated by Nate Douglas, the same seat he was appointed to. The two other Motley City Council seats had no filers in the first week. Those seats are currently held by Jace Carlson and Amy Hutchison.

Filing for school board can be done at the Staples-Motley District Office; city candidates can file at city hall.

United Hospital Board seats are also open, filing can be done with the city clerk or township clerk. Township offices are also open for filing.

Wadena County has new 'Top Dog'

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

There's a new Top Dog in Wadena County. He's from the Czech Republic and his name is Nitro.

Nitro came on duty with the Wadena County Sheriff's Department June 23. By July 11 he and his partner Deputy Troy Wangsness had been on seven calls, including one to help track a murder suspect near Fergus Falls.

Most of the K9 unit's calls involve narcotic searches but Nitro is also trained in apprehension and tracking. He's been on jail searches and a SWAT team call.

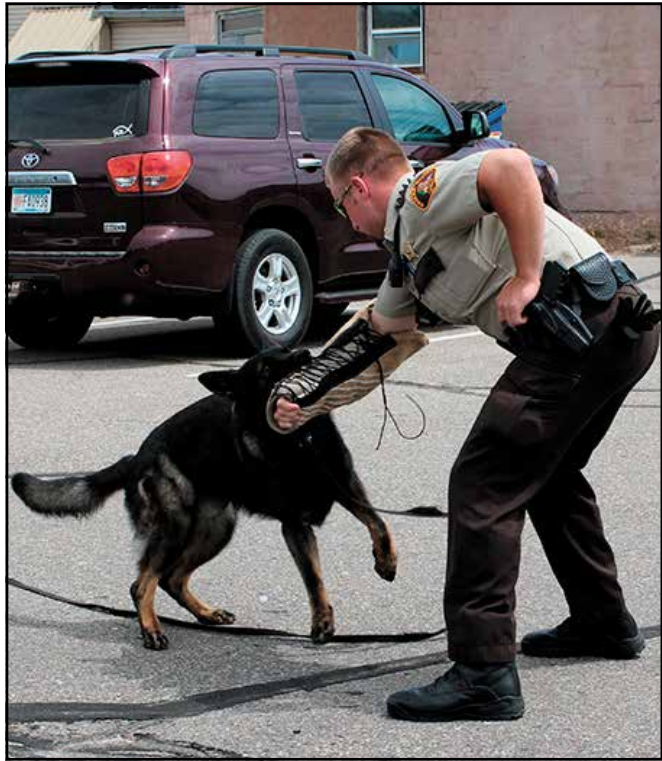
Dogs like Nitro are trained for 12-18 months. The K9 officers train with the dogs for at least six

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Apprehending a suspect

Wadena County's new K9 Unit, Deputy Tony Wangsness and Nitro, demonstrated some of their duties at a recent meeting of the Staples Rotary Club. At right, Deputy Blake Petrich, wearing the protective sleeve, played the role of a suspect being caught by Nitro. Above, Wangsness showed how Nitro searches a vehicle for narcotics. (Staples World photos by Brenda Halvorson)



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Gathered to watch the K9 demonstration

Members of the Staples Rotary Club were treated to a Wadena County K9 demonstration at a recent meeting. The K9 unit, Deputy Tony Wangsness and his partner Nitro, are in front. Standing, from left, are Deputy Blake Petrich, Wadena County Sheriff Mike Carr, Tom Kajer, Jerel Nelsen, Marv Rothstein, Al Kolling, Dick Donat, Donn Peterson, Chuck Horsager, Kurt

Wilson, Ray Garland, Bob Hamann, Ed Perry, Bonnie Gastecki and Jim Vogel. The Staples Rotary Club was one of the donors to acquire Nitro for Wadena County. Below, Deputy Wangsness, left, sets Nitro on a long leash to apprehend the suspect, played by Deputy Blake Petrich, wearing the protective sleeve. (Staples World photos by Brenda Halvorson)



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Training for dog and partner was intense

weeks and longer. Wangsness said he spent six weeks at the training center in the Twin Cities with ten other officer/dog pairs. “It was physically and mentally exhausting,”

Wangsness said, noting that the 360 hours of required training had them going for 12-14 hours a day. A typical day would start with physical training for the officers. Throughout the day they would work

with the dogs on tracking, obedience, narcotic searches, bite work and muzzle work, running through different scenarios set up by the trainers. Sheriff Mike Carr said dogs from the Czech Republic typically have high energy, high drive, which makes them good candidates for law enforcement work.

Carr also noted that the willingness of Wangsness to be the K9 partner basically puts him permanently on the “graveyard” shift of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Nitro and Wangsness also participate in community service demonstrations, such as National Night Out in Staples on Aug. 7. They are available for school building and correctional facility searches as well as recovery of evidence and traffic stops. Wangsness is the only officer in the county to work with Nitro. Nitro lives with Wangsness and his family. “It’s a lot of responsibility, a big commitment,” Carr said. “The dog demands time. It’s like having a kid at home.”

Wangsness echoed that saying when they get home from work, Nitro just loves to play. The K9 team is required to document 16 hours of training per month. Wangsness said he tries to do some sort of exercise with Nitro on every shift, like article searches or tracking. The dog does well in the rural terrain found in Wadena County and the surrounding area. Hard surfaces like those found in towns are more difficult for dogs. Nitro stays on a leash with Wangsness most of the time, but it depends on the crime. Wangsness gives Nitro a big lead on the leash or may let him off if he’s tracking a suspect, but “he’s never off lead if we’re searching for a child or a vulnerable adult.” The cost of a K9 is \$20,000, which includes the training for both the deputy and the dog. Carr credits private donations from businesses, organizations and individuals for enabling Wadena County to have this service. A K9 unit can expect to serve about eight years, depending on physical condition. This is the third K9 Unit for Wadena County. The second one, Deputy Bryan Savaloja and his K-9 partner Zeus, retired a few months ago. Carr reported that Zeus was having trouble with his hips. Zeus continues to live with Savaloja. To request a K-9 demonstration or report drug activity, contact Deputy Wangsness at 218-631-7600.

Myhra, Howe and Wardlow to speak in Staples

A forum for republican candidates for the Minnesota State Constitutional Offices will be held on Thursday, Aug. 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Timbers Event Center in Staples. Candidates for Auditor Pam Myhra, Secretary of State John Howe and Attorney General Doug Wardlow will be participating. It will be a rare opportunity to see all three of these candidates in one location at the same time. The event is sponsored by Crossroads Conservatives.

Each candidate will be invited to speak for 15 minutes, followed by a time for questions from the audience. Questions will be in writing and cards will be provided for that purpose. Questions will be grouped and presented by former state legislator Bruce Nelsen.

To help with planning, reservations would be appreciated. RSVPs may be directed to Diane Carlson at 218-296-1348. Responses may also be sent by email to dcarlson1899@charter.net.

Pam Myhra graduated from Burnsville High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, magna cum laude, from the University of St. Thomas. Pam joined the audit practice of the international public accounting firm, KPMG, as a certified public accountant and specialized in banking, insurance and government clients. She served in the Minnesota State House of Representatives from 2011 to 2014, where she was a member on the Capital Investment, Education Finance, Education Policy and Tax committees. Pam is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the MN Society of CPAs. She and her husband, Chuck, have three grown children and reside in Burnsville.

John Howe was raised on a family farm in western Minnesota. He obtained a degree in Criminal Justice from St. Cloud State University and worked as a corrections officer. He later became the owner of several Sears stores and rose to the chairmanship of the Sears Dealer Council. In 2008, Howe was elected Mayor of Red Wing and in 2010 he was elected to the Minnesota State Senate. He served on the Minnesota Clean Water Council and the National Council of Environmental Legislators. Howe and his wife, Lisa, live in Red Wing with their three children. He owns and operates a real estate



Pam Myhra



John Howe



Doug Wardlow

management company. Doug Wardlow was born and raised in Eagan. He graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown University and earned his law degree with honors from Georgetown University Law Center. Doug has spent his career fighting for free speech and religious liberty, and he fought against China’s unfair trade practices in litigation on behalf of American steel producers. Doug served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2011 to 2013, where he led efforts to reduce the size and scope of state government, reform tort law and eliminate burdensome regulations. Doug and his wife, Jenny, are parents of three children; Winston, Annabelle and Martin. The Timbers Restaurant and Event Center is located at 1220 NE 2nd Avenue in Staples. Those wishing to order dinner before the event should place their orders before 5:15 p.m., in the restaurant. Reservations are recommended. The restaurant can be contacted at 218-895-1400 or www.timberlakehotel.com

Region Five receives transportation grant

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) was awarded \$71,500 from the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Region Five Development Commission will serve as the coordinator of the five-county Regional Transportation

Coordinating Council (RTCC) for the counties of Crow Wing, Cass, Morrison, Todd and Wadena. The goal of this council is to fill transportation gaps, streamline access to transportation and provide individuals with more options of where and when to travel. This improves mobility for the “transportation disadvantaged” – older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with low income and/or military veterans. R5DC will coordinate between transportation providers, service agents and the private sector. According to Senior Regional Development Planner Tad Erickson, “Public transit providers are facing tough challenges and it’s humbling to see the level of interest that stakeholders have in the RTCC planning process. It is exciting to see how the RTCC will be used to assist public transit providers and stakeholders progress their work.” R5DC will be sharing information regarding upcoming public participation meetings via their website at www.regionfive.org. For more information on RTCC, contact Tad Erickson by phone at 218-894-3233 or by email at terickson@regionfive.org, or visit: www.dot.state.mn.us/transit/grants/RTCC/index.

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Father Gabriel reveres family, rural communities

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Family life is important to a community, whether it is the nuclear family, extended to relatives or a metaphorical family like a church congregation. All those types of families have played a big role in the life of the new priest at Sacred Heart and St. Michael's Catholic Church, Father Gabriel Walz.

When he started his tenure here in June, Walz said the community welcoming was "very warm and beautiful, the kindness shown to me."

He noticed many of the people in the congregation revered family life. "I am meeting people who have big family gatherings on a regular basis," he said.

Seeing the spiritual opportunity at those family gatherings, Walz said "I tell people I love to be invited to homes for meals or to visit."

Walz is aware of the symbolism of his title, "father," as the spiritual leader of the church community. "I love to pray for all of them," he said.

Walz comes from a big family himself. He grew up on a small farm in Rockville, the second of nine children.

One of his childhood memories is his father

reading "Lives of the Saints" to the children, as the five older siblings, all brothers, shared a single room.

"I was inspired by their stories," said Walz. "It was so beautiful, they had a zeal for the Lord and they did it joyfully ... some even died for their faith."

So from an early age, Walz told everyone that he wanted to become a priest. "I wanted what they had," Walz said about the saints.

The family was very involved in the church, and Walz grew up believing he would become a priest. But around high school age, he changed his mind. "I thought I would want to get married," he said, which would rule out the priesthood.

His father owned an electrical shop, and Walz started working there, and began getting groomed to take over the family business.

While he enjoyed the work, he felt something was missing.

"I began feeling restless," said Walz, who traced the feeling back to St. Augustine's quote: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

So again he started looking at becoming a priest but was worried his father would be disappointed if he left.



Parish priest

Father Gabriel Walz at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. He was formally installed as the parish priest in a ceremony at St. Michael's on Aug. 4. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

"Dad just said 'I want you to be happy,'" said Walz, so he stepped down and applied for the seminary. He went to St. Thomas for four years and earned an undergraduate degree

in philosophy and Catholic studies. He then moved across campus to St. Paul Seminary for major seminary training, and earned a

masters in divinity plus a second major in arts and theology. His seminary thesis was "Friendship in Marriage."

Walz was ordained on June 20, 2015 and started his priesthood at Cambridge-Isanti and Braham. After two years there, he moved to four churches in Melrose, Meire Grove, Grenewald and Spring Hill. At Melrose he was able to use the training he has had in the Spanish language.

At all those parishes, Walz was more of a second priest, helping the established priests who were already there. At Staples and Motley, he will be on his own for the first time, an opportunity he is learning has more to do with the smaller details he is now responsible for.

Walz knows it will be different for the churches to move on from Father Joe Korf, with 40 years of experience, and start with someone barely in his fourth year.

Living in St. Paul for eight years helped Walz appreciate the Diocese of St. Cloud and the rural communities it serves. "I love the beauty of rural life, I love the country and family life," he said.

"Every community has a distinct way of being, I'm still learning here," said Walz. He noticed the rail-

road is prominent in both Staples and Motley, and he mentioned the rivers, lakes and forests as other clues to the community. "The blessings of this area are many, I'm excited to get to know the families," he said.

Walz wants to partake in the community's gifts by sharing his own. "I love to teach, I like preaching, I love to share my love for the Lord," he said.

Growing up on a farm, Walz is used to having calloused hands and working with materials. With his new job being primarily mental, he said he plans to find a hobby to work on. He has taken up bow hunting and recently went fishing with some priest friends.

Walz will also play a role in Sacred Heart Area School, as in his last job he had Catholic schools that he visited every week. "The school is like a parish, I am interested in the spiritual life of the school," he said. "We want students to succeed in the tangible world and also in their spiritual life. We can share the joy of Heaven, where we can all meet again one day."

Sacred Heart School is searching for a new principal and Walz has been a part of that search. "The Lord always provides. That doesn't mean it is going to be easy, but the Lord provides," he said.

Old Wadena Rendezvous features Chautauqua

Making something old new again is the theme of this year's 28th annual Old Wadena Rendezvous and Chautauqua, Aug. 11 - 12 at the Old Wadena Park just north of Staples on the banks of the Crow Wing River.

Featured will be the traditional encampment of the Crow Wing muzzleloaders and fur trappers re-enacting the pre-1840s Rendezvous lifestyle. There will be fry bread and live music all day both Sat. and Sun. featuring, among others, Dawn and Gary Timbs, Singleton Street, Dave Virnala and Brothers Burn Mountain.

Margo McCreary's puppet show and Jake Kaehne's Indian flute are two crowd pleasing acts returning to the Rendezvous this year. In addition, the two performers will be presenting Chautauqua classes on story telling and playing the flute.

Chautauqua, pronounced sha-TAW-kwa, is an adult education movement that swept the United States in the last half of the 19th Century and continued until the 1920s. Chautauqua assemblies might last a full week, usually held at a lakeside encampment such as the first one at Lake Chautauqua, New York, and often under a big tent. As telephones, radio and television came into use, the Chautauqua movement faded away.

Under the Rendezvous big tops and in the new Old Wadena pavilion, anyone can learn puppetry and flute playing, paint a mini barn quilt, make a birdhouse, learn to square dance, how to shoot a BB gun or learn the basics of

canoe handling, plus several other endeavors.

All classes at the Rendezvous are free with admission to the Rendezvous, \$10 per person or maximum of \$25 per family. Check out the Old Wadena webpage, oldwadenarendezvous.org or call 218-371-6403 to register for classes.

In addition to visiting with the "bucks-kinner" camping among the Crow Wing Muzzleloaders, people can experience several classes and hands-on activities:

- Story telling and puppetry class will meet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. both Sat. and Sun. Pre-registration recommended.
- Indian flute playing. Same times as above, pre-registration recommended.
- Paint a barn quilt. Beth Kern and Mary Noska, with Lisa Kajer, will lead participants in creating a mini barn quilt. This class is full.
- Build a bird house. Jon Hamberg will lead students in creating a useful bird house to take home. Pre-registration not required.
- Square dancing. Members of the Wadena Whirlaways will lead any newcomers in square dancing at 1 p.m. Sat. at the Rendezvous.
- Canoeing workshops led by Bob Schaefer at 2 p.m. Sat. will focus on proper techniques and safety.
- Birchbark canoe demonstrations. The owners of the Hafeman Boat Works, from Bigfork, will show birchbark and cedar strip canoe building techniques.
- BB gun safety. Darlys Hamberg will be teaching gun safety and use.

Once again this year's Rendezvous will feature

both musical entertainment under one tent and demonstrations under a second tent by a variety of artisans, including a blacksmith, potter, wood carver, rope making, beekeeping and several others. Wadena County native Dick Oehlenschlaeger will be present discussing the natural wonders of the Crow Wing River habitat. Chairs are provided but guests are urged to bring their own for a and relaxing visit at the Old Wadena Park.

Full details of the 2018 Rendezvous, including directions, can be found in the Rendezvous publication which was included in the Aug. 1 and 2 editions of area newspapers.

This year's Rendezvous is a test of these expanded learning and hands-on arts and crafts classes. For questions, check out the website, www.oldwadenarendezvous.org, or the Old Wadena Facebook page, which include directions to the Old Wadena Park.

The Rendezvous is presented by the Old Wadena Society, a non-profit group of volunteers. The Rendezvous is possible through the financial support of Staples and Wadena area business sponsors and the Staples Host Lions. Partners of the Old Wadena Society include Wadena County, the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation and the Five Wings Arts Council. Major funding for the Rendezvous is made possible by the voters of Minnesota, through a Legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



Railroad Days Dash 2017

Runners and walkers of all ages are off and running from the starting line of last year's Railroad Days Dash. This year's race will be held Saturday, Aug. 25. (Staples World file photo)

Community works together for health at Kinship Dash

The Railroad Days Dash 5K race will take off Saturday, Aug. 25, at 8:30 a.m. and the free Jr. Dash for children will start at 9:30 a.m.

Online registration for the 5K continues until Aug. 15, and can be found at kinshippartners.org.

The race, a fundraiser for Kinship Partners of Staples/Motley mentoring program, has grown into a community celebration of health and fitness. This year's partners are promoting the race for community health.

Lakewood Health System, Staples, has become a signature sponsor, promoting the race through the Engage Community Health program. Lakewood is also paying the registration fee for any employees who want to participate in the 5K.

Alicia Bauman, Community Health Manager for Lakewood, said, "Lakewood Health System is

committed to positively impacting health across the communities we serve. We're thrilled to be the signature sponsor for the Kinship Dash."

Bauman also talked about how Kinship is a part of community health, "The leadership Kinship provides in transforming our community, through mentorship, is a vital partnership in community well-being."

Sponsor of the Jr. Dash is Greg Hales, owner of Snap Fitness, in Staples. Hales said he "believes in promoting a good, healthy community along with having something fun for kids to do."

The race is for people of all ages. Hales' father Kenneth, at 86 years old, plans to run the 5K for the fourth time this year.

The race will have new

timers, Kenny and Jessica Miller and their family. The Millers are teachers at Bertha-Hewitt schools and have supported the dash for years, so they decided to volunteer to be the timers.

The Staples-Motley cross country teams, with Coach Bruce Fuhrman, have also volunteered to help with the Dash and the Jr. Dash.

Kinship Partners appreciates the sponsors, volunteers and community support. Kelly Johnson, Staples/Motley Program Coordinator for Kinship, said "The Railroad Days Dash is an exciting way to begin Saturday's Railroad Days festivities with family and friends. Our community comes together to celebrate the history of Staples and what makes our community so special."

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Use public health tactic to reduce gun violence

By Daniel S. Blumenthal, MD, MPH

On March 14 of this year, students across the US left class for 17 minutes - one minute for every person killed in the Marjory Douglas Stoneman High School massacre. It is a bit disheartening to realize that, if the students had instead chosen to stay out of class one minute for every person killed by gunfire in the US during one year, they would have skipped school for nearly five months - the rest of the spring semester and a couple of months into the fall term.

Gunfire is a public health problem that accounts for an average of about 35,000 deaths a year in this country and about twice that number of non-fatal injuries. And as a public health problem, a public health approach is the best way to attempt to reduce the casualties. A public health approach has been used in addressing other causes of death and injury and has not required that the causative instrument be outlawed or confiscated. Take, for instance, automobiles.

Cars are a major source of death and disability, but we don't ban them. By innovation, regulation and public acceptance of that regulation, we have reduced road deaths from 9.35 per 100 million miles travelled in 1946 to 1.18 in 2016.

We did this by offering, then requiring, seat belts, child safety seats and air bags. We introduced federal safety standards and mandatory reporting of defects by carmakers.

There was pushback against many of the requirements when they were first proposed, but eventually they came to be accepted and embraced by most of the public.

But motor vehicles - unlike guns - are essential to our daily lives, so perhaps a better example is tobacco. Smoking is responsible for over 400,000 deaths per year, but we do

not ban tobacco. Rather, we have taken steps such as requiring warning labels on cigarette packages, raising tobacco taxes, enforcing age limits, expanding educational programs and instituting smoke-free workplaces, restaurants and airplanes. In so doing, we have reduced smoking rates from around 50 percent of adults in the 1950s to about 15 percent currently.

If we took a public health approach, there are many things that we could do to reduce gun-related death and injury short of banning or confiscating guns. These include universal background checks (currently 22 percent of gun sales take place without one), age limits on gun purchases (at least 21 for all guns), ending immunity for firearms manufacturers (much as tobacco companies do not have immunity) and taking advantage of available technological safety measures to make safer guns.

Perhaps the most important factor in the reduction of smoking rates has been the change in public perspective and the general lack of acceptance of smoking. In the 1950s and 1960s, it was the norm to smoke almost any place and any time. Now, the few remaining smokers must often stand out on the sidewalk to light up, even in bad weather.

Similarly, a change in public perspective will be an essential component of the struggle to reduce deaths from gun violence. The "March for Our Lives" this past March, another school walkout in April, and demonstrations outside the NRA convention in May may be the first events in this shift.

But education, as with other public health problems, will also be a big part of changing that perspective. For instance, more gun-related education may help expose the folly of keeping a gun in the home for protection. It is far more likely that the person

to be shot will be a friend or relative rather than an intruder.

Ultimately, it is this change in public perspective that will facilitate the election of public officials who are willing to consider tighter regulations on gun safety and gun sales - just as it was a change in public perspective that facilitated the election of public officials who were willing to consider restrictions on tobacco use and sales.

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'Won't you be my neighbor?' A review

by Dr. Mark Hendrickson

Full disclosure: I have never seen an episode of the long-running PBS children's show called "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." The only reason I went to see "Won't You Be My Neighbor?," the documentary about Mr. Rogers and his show was because we were visiting friends who very much wanted to see it. Thank you, dear friends! The movie was very special, poignant, profound, elegantly understated and brimming with kindness, warmth and understanding.

In one way, the documentary is like the old show itself: a simple story with cheap production values featuring a plain vanilla un-star-like "star." In another and fundamentally crucial way, the documentary is different from the show: it is primarily for adults instead of children. Whereas "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" was rated G, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" is rated PG-13. It features adults candidly and sometimes colorfully talking about the adults who made the TV show.

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?" tells the dual stories of the long-lived TV show (1968-2001) and of Fred Rogers (1928-2003) himself. Along the way, we get to know Mr. Rogers' real-life family, his wife and two sons, and his TV family. Both families share a lot of love and affection.

This documentary showed me how often Mr. Rogers used his show to comfort children by courageously and gently addressing such challenges

to childhood happiness as the death of a family member-including pets, divorce and scary news stories about war, etc.

The way the documentary makers weave elements of Fred Rogers' personal life into the narrative about the show is refreshingly original. "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" is definitely not an "everything you ever wanted to know about Fred Rogers" indulgence. The little we learn about his childhood appears late in the documentary. The rumor that I had heard about Mr. Rogers' military record was debunked. We come to see a man whose work was the embodiment of his life and values.

What surprised me most in this documentary was that Mr. Rogers was the target of denunciations and protests. Some adults vehemently attacked him for thwarting human development through the subversive technique of telling children, "I like you just the way you are."

Huh? All I can say is that those critics must not have ever had children themselves. One of the most important things a parent can do for children is to help them feel comfortable in their own skin. Mr. Rogers wasn't telling 5-year-olds that they would never have to grow up and get a job. He was giving them the reassurance that it's OK to be a child today and not to feel that they had to have the adult world all figured out while they were still in kindergarten. Fred Rogers had the wisdom to realize that the world can be a very confusing, even threaten-

ing, place to children who lack the emotional and rational maturity to cope with all of life's challenges. How immensely important, then, was his gentle, comforting voice reassuring kids that despite its bumps and bruises, life can still turn out well.

Others condemned Fred Rogers for not being condemnatory. The documentary makes clear that Mr. Rogers, an ordained Presbyterian minister, upheld Christian standards in his life and on his show, but refrained from blustery denunciations. It becomes clear in the documentary that Mr. Rogers' saw his ministry as not to sit in judgment and condemn, but simply to love others. He was content to leave the ultimate judgment of individuals to God.

Like many in the cinema where I saw "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" I had some tears in my eyes. I was deeply moved by how beautiful and powerful a loving heart can be. As I left the cinema, I almost felt a sense of culture shock. At a time when Hollywood relies on over-the-top stimulation to entertain us, this low-key documentary about an unpretentious man and his unpretentious show delivered a deeper, more genuine emotional experience. If your faith in the goodness of mankind needs a boost, go see "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson is an adjunct faculty member, economist, and fellow for economic and social policy with The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College.

Letters to the Editor

"Attack on caucuses"

Regardless of which of the two dominant political parties you support or align with in Minnesota, your endorsement process is being spit upon by a large number of candidates this year.

Yes, all the time and expense of the endorsement process means nothing to the candidates who have forced the primaries on us. They don't think that the people who took the time to become delegates and/or alternates to the various conventions have any idea who would be a good candidate. Most delegates and alternates investigate and question candidates before the various conventions. Maybe some or most of these candidates did not want to answer the questions of the delegates and alternates.

The primary will always favor the candidate who has the most money. Why? Because the more money the more they can

pay for advertising on tv, Facebook, Google, Twitter, Messenger, print, etc. And unfortunately, there are many voters who vote for the name they remember, so the more times a candidate's name is seen or heard the more likely to get a vote.

There are candidates who rely on having the most money and better name recognition than the endorsed candidate. Most people don't remember from one year to the next why a particular name sticks in their head when they step into the voting booth.

Support the endorsement process by supporting the endorsed candidates.

Patricia Seifert
Frustrated Delegate
Grey Eagle, Minn.

Babe Ruth baseball

15U offered up more than just a baseball season.

As our Babe Ruth season came to a close after a State appearance, I couldn't help but reflect on it all during the drive home.

It's not often I get to be one-on-one with a group of our students for any great amount of time, let alone for a season, in the dugout. I'm pleased to say I couldn't have had a better time with our 15U Baseball Team! The stories from our dugout, I hope, will live on for years to come. These boys grew together throughout summer not only as a team, but classmates, friends and their acceptance of one another.

You bundle the team with the stands filled with parents, families and friends, and it was quite an experience. We traveled many miles this summer. Tuesdays and Thursdays were home or away. League finals were in Park Rapids, Districts in Bemidji and the State Tournament was held in Warroad. Our fans in the stands only grew the further we went, not only in the season, but distance! The support offered to the team was endearing and without question. Players

played, coaches coached and the fan base supported all.

The perspective I had on it all was multidimensional. I couldn't escape the depth of it all as it unfolded. As a father, spending this time with my son was incredible. As a husband, my wife and I got to connect with others as we all grew together with this team. As a community member, I loved the enthusiasm and support from businesses and those just needing an update and wishing us luck. As their principal, there aren't enough words. It was a proud venture of student-athletes that represented themselves well including their school, community and families. I'm proud of them and those they brought along for the season.

Boys, we didn't win the last game of the season, however, what you accomplished together was inspiring and a joy to witness. "It was a great season to be a Cardinal!"

Mike Schmidt, CAA
Staples-Motley High School Principal

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“Van Gogh and Me” to be performed during Railroad Days

Presented by Lamplighter Community Theatre

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Lamplighter Community Theatre (LCT) in Staples will present “Van Gogh and Me,” during Railroad Days in Staples. Performances will be held at Centennial Auditorium on Friday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 25, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 26, 3 p.m.

Under the direction of Matthew R. Olsen, the historical fiction play brings to life the story of artist Vincent van Gogh and explores the idea of perception, as well as addressing topics of bullying and mental health.

This is a new script by playwright Matthew Gutschick and will be only the second time the play has been produced. It was first produced at the Rose Theatre in Omaha, Nebraska, where Gutschick is the artistic director.

A good friend of his played Van Gogh in the debut production, Olsen shared recently, adding that he went to see it and liked so much about it. “I thought the themes were relevant to our community,” Olsen said, mentioning themes of family, connection, friendship and beauty. There is also a focus on education and community.

He went on to share some addi-

tional thoughts about the play:

“Vincent Van Gogh is gone, but his memory remains. We explore that memory through the eyes of the young Adeline Ravoux. We experience her initial perception/judgements of who Vincent is and how that changes as she releases those expectations and begins to know the person inside the personality. She recalls her memory of the now great painter when he was, to put it simply...her friend.”

The play runs 70 minutes and features the talents of the following seven actors:

- Macy Judd - Adeline Ravoux
- Jake Denning - Vincent Van Gogh
- Justin Edin - Arthur Ravoux
- Tamber Edin - Louise Ravoux
- Kevin Olsen - Mr. Martinez
- Andrew Bates - Rene Secretan
- Abby Koel - Cecile Demey.

Olsen has had the opportunity to work with most of the cast members in past LCT productions. This is the first time Koel, from Pillager, has been in a Lamplighter show.

Olsen, an alumnus of Staples Motley High School (SMHS) who went on to receive a masters of fine arts degree in theater, has returned to his home town to direct several shows in the past decade or so, both with LCT and SMHS.

“Jake (Denning) was in the first musical I ever came back to direct,” Olsen said, mentioning the show, “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers,” that was performed at the high school 10 years ago.

Lamplighter Community Theatre thought it would be nice to offer a play during Railroad Days, something they hadn’t done in several years. In planning this production, they wanted to make sure it was affordable and accessible to families. They have kept the ticket prices low and are offering two matinee shows. That way, people can still attend evening Railroad Days festivities as well.

In conjunction with “Van Gogh and Me,” Lamplighter Community Theatre is sponsoring a Sidewalk Chalk Art event on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. This will take place in front of Centennial Auditorium. “Come make some art before seeing the play,” Olsen said.

“Talk back” sessions will take place following each performance. Audience members are welcome to stay and explore the stage, ask questions and talk about the play with the director and actors.

Tickets for “Van Gogh and Me” are available online at www.lctstaples.com and at the door.



Bringing the artist to life

Jake Denning of Staples rehearses a scene from the play “Van Gogh and Me” at Centennial Auditorium in Staples recently. The play is directed by Matthew R. Olsen and presented by Lamplighter Community Theatre. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Playing songs that rock

Jessica Vines will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Matthew Tinjum, Nick Taylor, Jessica Vines, Conor Lee, Andrew Nelson

and Andrew Hilde. Taylor and Hilde will not be at the Staples concert. Instead, Evan Geiger will be playing bass that evening and no one will be playing trumpet. (Submitted photo)

Jessica Vines to close ‘Music in the Park’ series

Jessica Vines and band will perform at Music in the Park in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. This will be the final concert of the six week summer series.

Hailing from the Moorhead area, the band will be performing a mix of covers from the Beatles to Stevie Wonder, as well as originals of front singer Vines, which she describes as funk/pop/jazz inspired. Expect to hear songs that rock and make you feel good, Vines said.

Joining Jessica Vines on stage in Staples will be Matthew Tinjum on drums, Conor Lee on guitar, Evan Geiger on bass; and Staples

native Andrew Nelson on keys.

The Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and will run through August 12. For more information on the Music in the Park series as well as the regular concert series, check out www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Northern Pacific (NP) Park is located at 625 6th St. NE. Go north on 6th St. at the junction of Hwys 10 and 210 and go six blocks. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to Faith Lutheran Church.

The Music in the Park Series is funded by the Sta-

ples Host Lions Club. The Series is organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, with the assistance of the Staples Motley Public Schools and the City of Staples.

The band Aitas had originally been scheduled to perform on that date, but they had to cancel due to illness.

Grief Support Group offered

GriefShare, a weekly seminar and grief support group, will be held at Motley Free Methodist Church on Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Sept. 4 - Nov. 27.

The church is located at 33 Wellwood St. E, Motley. For more information call 218-352-6888.

Mark Your Calendar

August 11

TURKEY SHOOT sponsored by Tri-County Legion Post #124 in Motley, Saturday, Aug. 11, 4 - 6 p.m., at The Bear’s Den in Leader. Opportunity to win a turkey. For info., 218-316-7543 or 218-352-6119.

August 12

FREE FOOTBALL CAMP WITH FORMER VIKING LINEBACKER WALKER LEE ASHLEY Sat., Aug. 12, noon - 2 p.m., Pine Grove Park baseball field, Staples. Public invited to a ‘meet and greet’ at Jon’s Family Foods in Staples from 11 a.m. - noon earlier that day. For info., to register, call James at 218-831-1400.

August 15

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION Mtg Wed., Aug. 15, 5:30 p.m., Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Public welcome.

August 16

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT Thurs., Aug. 16, at dusk, Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S. Free popcorn/lemonade. All welcome.

August 21, 22

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Aug. 21, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. Walk in. For info., 218-547-1340.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Aug. 21, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340.

August 23

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Mtg Thurs., Aug. 23, 7:30 - 9:45 p.m., Wadena VFW. Charley Huhtala, caller; Donna Stone, cuer. For info., 320-760-6043.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 8:01 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples. **Note change of time due to the primary election.**

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Conduct public hearing and approve 2019 to 2023 Capital Improvement Plan
- Consider requests from Chamber of Commerce for Railroad Days
- Consider approval for the Wahoo Valley Chapter of MN Deer Hunters Association to conduct a raffle at Timbers Event Center on Oct. 13.
- Committee reports from the Public Works Commission and the Staples Economic Development Authority.
- Open forum.
- City Administrator’s report



Double Your Pleasure at Book Ends for August

This month’s guest for Book Ends is mystery writer Erin Hart, award winning author of archeological crime novels set in the shadowed bog lands of Ireland. Husband Paddy O’Brien, legendary button accordion artist, accompanies her. Expect a huge dose of great storytelling and music making.

All the fun begins Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, at The Uptown in Wadena at 11 a.m. An hour of conversation is followed by Q&A, book and tape sales, autographs and lunch. No charge for the event. Lunch is on you.

Books Ends is a monthly meet-the-author event hosted by indie book store An Open Book in Wadena, moderated by Jerry Mevissen and financed by the Minnesota Legacy Amendment.

Minnesota writing contest

Brainerd Writers Alliance is seeking submissions from literary authors across the state of Minnesota in the categories of fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry. Our judges, Bruce Eastman, Niomi Phillips and Erin Hart are waiting to read your best work.

Winners in each category will receive a cash prize and free entry to this year’s writers’ conference featuring Erin Hart and will be invited to read their winning entries. Details on how to submit can be found on our website at brainerdwriters.com

Please submit by August 17. If you have questions, contact Melissa at brainerdwriters.contest@gmail.com

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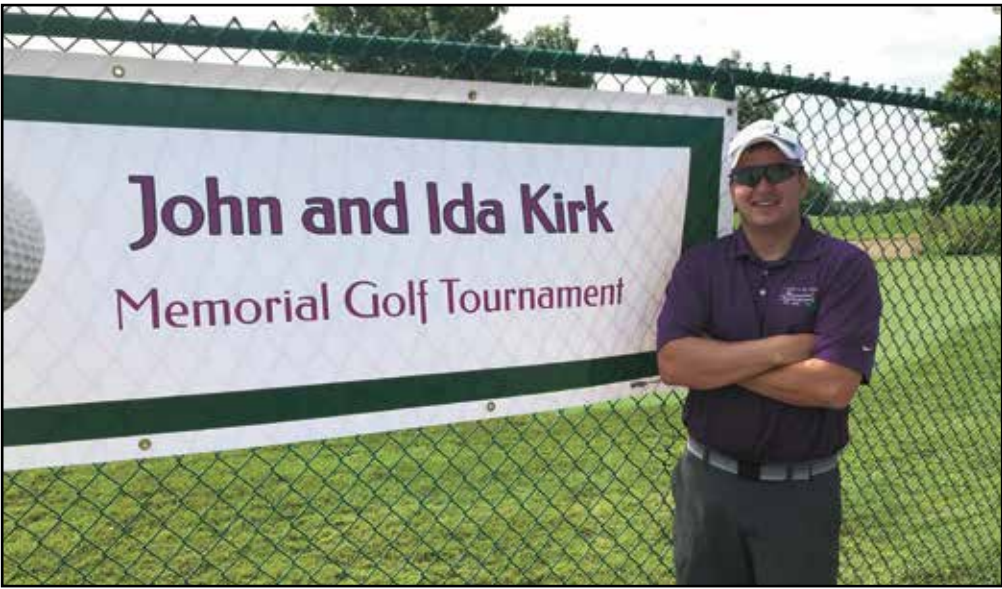
BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:
Born to Cheryl and Nick Kandoll of New York Mills, a baby girl, Chloe Dawn weighing eight pounds, six ounces on July 27, 2018.
Born to Jessica and Conan Jensen of Motley, a baby girl, Natalia Skye weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on July 28, 2018.
Born to Leslie Sandy and Justin Rinde of Long Prairie, a baby boy, Miles Andrew weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on July 29, 2018.
Born to Darcie Smith and Damian Macho of Pillager, a baby boy, Dawsen James weighing eight pounds, three ounces on July 30, 2018.
Born to Kendra Koehn of Brainerd, a baby girl, Phoebe Ann weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on July 30, 2018.
Born to Logan Becker and Alex Janson of Staples, a baby boy, Ledger Rudy

weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on July 31, 2018.
Born to Ashley and David Lemcke of Staples, a baby girl, Piper Jo weighing seven pounds, five ounces on August 1, 2018.
Born to Jimi Huber and Cade Smart of Brainerd, twin boys, Daxton Thomas weighing seven pounds, four ounces and Zayn Franklin weighing eight pounds, two ounces on August 1, 2018.
Born to Kaija Karjala and Jared Newton of Staples, a baby boy, Theodore James weighing eight pounds, one ounce on August 2, 2018.
Born to Alexis and Edward Blashack of Bertha, a baby boy, George Alexander weighing seven pounds, four ounces on August 2, 2018.
Born to Hanna and Adam Hebig of Little Falls, a baby girl, Adeline Rose weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on August 2, 2018.



Festive summer music

At least 200 people attended Music in the Park in Staples Aug. 5, enjoying a variety of polkas and waltzes by Nathan's Old Time Band out of St. Cloud. Above, from left: Gary and Carmen Schimpp of Staples were celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary that day. The band serenaded them with the song, "Send Me the Pillow that You Dream On," changing the lyrics to, "Send Me the Accordion That You Play On." Carmen later stated that she enjoyed the song, but was worried the band was going to make them dance. In lower photo are front man Nathan Neuman, right; and Anders Benoit on drums. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Charity tourney honors John and Ida Kirk

The seventh annual John and Ida Kirk Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Victory Links Golf Course in Blaine July 21. Fifty-six golfers participated in this year's event with all proceeds going to the fight against pancreatic cancer. Including the money raised this year, over \$17,000 has been donated to pancreatic

cancer research in the seven years of this annual memorial golf tournament. Ida Kirk passed away from pancreatic cancer in 2009. The tournament director is John Kirk of St. Louis Park, grandson of the late John and Ida Kirk, who were long time residents of Staples. (Submitted photo)

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Five generations

Rebecca Arceneau of Alexandria is holding her daughter, Myra Shay Arceneau. Standing next to her is Grandmother Julie Nelson of Atwater, Great-Grandmother Shari Christiansen of New London, and seated is Great-Great-Grandmother Iras Chapin of Staples. (Submitted photo)



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He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
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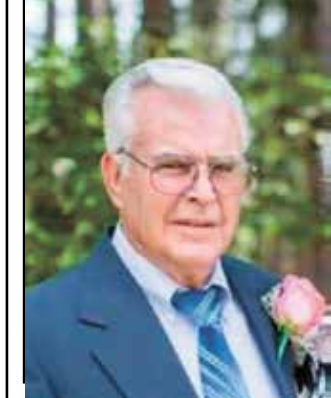
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Obituaries

Leroy Greig

Leroy Greig 77, of Motley passed away August 4, 2018, at Lakewood Health System in Staples.
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 11 at United Methodist Church in Motley. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.
Arrangements are with Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.
Leroy was born on November 8, 1940 in Fargo, North Dakota to Leroy and Anna Greig. He graduated from Motley High School with the class of 1959 and furthered his education at the University of Minnesota-St. Paul Campus. Leroy enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany for two years. Upon his return he married his high school sweetheart, Janet Jordahl, on January 6, 1963 in Frazee. The couple raised three children and hosted an exchange student from Denmark. This sparked their interest to travel to Denmark twice to visit.
Lee was a charter member of the Motley Lions for 47 years and earned the Melvin Jones Award. He was a member of the American Legion Post #124 and served on the Motley City Council for 10 years. Lee was thankful to his little sister, Mary and his brother-in-law, Ed, for donating their kidneys to him. He enjoyed hunting, cooking and "a great meal". He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a gentle man and a leader in his community.
Lee is survived by his wife, Janet, of Motley; one daughter, Kari (John) Carlson of Rapid City, SD; two sons, James Greig of Motley and Todd (Lisa) Greig of Sheridan, WY; honorary son, Kim (Pia) Christensen of Nibe, Denmark; two sisters; one brother; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
He is preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, Donn Peck and nephew, Jeffrey Fahlander.
In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.
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Earl Givans



Richard, an amazing husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend - passed away at Rouge Medical Center surrounded by family when he left us. He touched countless lives while he was with us.
He is survived by his loving wife, Linda of 51 years; one son, Bill (Lisa); one daughter, Chrissy; four sisters, Sharyll Spandau, Suzanne Rostvit, Charlene Wilson and Margaret DeFoe; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
He will always be loved, greatly missed and will always live forever in our hearts.
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Perfect weather to picnic and play

The 37th annual Todd County Farmers Union picnic held Aug. 5 at the Clarissa City Park saw families enjoying a meal, playing on the merry-go-round and slide, meeting up with friends and games of bingo under the shelter. Dan Remer provided music throughout afternoon. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Neighborly chatter

Friends and neighbors chatted in the shade at the Farmers Union picnic. Table talk included Rodney and Janet Johnson of Staples (left front); Sharon (left middle) and Harold Wicht (across the table); Rosie Johnson, Browerville (end); Rudy John, Long Prairie and Gordon Ockerlund, Long Prairie and Dale and Joann Current, Bertha (front right).

Good will ambassadors

Fresh from counseling at Farmers Union camps, were student helpers Winona Johnson, Katie Brown, Mitchell Walsh and Hannah Ulrich, from around the state. They helped find seating for picnic goers and served the beverages.



Veterans appreciation event planned for Sept. 22

All veterans and their families welcome

Calling all veterans. Faith Lutheran Church in Staples will be hosting a 'Welcome Home' event on Saturday, Sept. 22, to honor and show appreciation to veterans from all service branches...from WWII to recent campaigns. The event will include a 'Walk of Honor' for the veterans and their families, as they are escorted into the church's sanctuary. A worship service, led by Master of Ceremonies Frank Odell, will begin at 5:30 p.m. During the service, veterans will be introduced and each be given a medal as a token of appreciation for their service to the country.

Following the service, a potluck meal will be served and a 'mail call' program will take place. "Together we have an opportunity to pay tribute to a group of men and women that altered history," Odell shared in reference to the 'Welcome Home' event for veterans. "Because most veterans did not have any welcome home event, it is about time we do," he said. Mail call Odell went on to note that, "Since one significant event for these veterans while they were away from home was mail call, we will have 'Mail Call.'" The church is asking family and friends to write

letters to their veteran thanking them for their service. These letters are needed by Sept. 21 and can be mailed to the church, or dropped off at 430 12th St. NE, Staples, MN, 56479. Be sure the name of the veteran is obvious on the package. Veteran applications Veteran applications for the 'Welcome Home' event are available at both Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, and at the Staples World. They need to be returned to the church by Sept. 7. For more information, call 218-894-1546 or email faithlutheran@staples@gmail.com.



Installation of new Lion's members

The Staples Host Lions Club welcomed new members Scott Engebretson and Dan Douts into club membership at their last meeting held in July. Above, from left to right: Engebretson's sponsor Dave Burnham, Engebretson, Douts, Douts' sponsor Tom Good and Frank Williams, who conducted the installation. (Submitted photo)

VA offers early participation for faster new claims reviews

By David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it is offering two opportunities for early participation in the new, more efficient claims decision review process outlined in the historic Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017. These two opportunities will allow eligible veterans to receive a review of a decision on a claim much faster than the current appeals process. "VA is committed to transforming the appeals process," said VA Acting Secretary Robert Wilkie. "This is evidenced by the success of Rapid Appeals Modernization Program which has seen over 12,000 veterans opt-in. In addition, the Board of Veterans' Appeals has issued approximately 46,000 decisions this fiscal year, nearly 23,000 more decisions than last year at this time. We are on pace to reach a historical fiscal goal of 81,000

decisions." First, VA will expand the Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP) by removing the requirement that veterans first receive an invitation from VA in order to elect participation in the program. RAMP, which was initially launched in November 2017 as an invitation only program, allows eligible veterans with a disability compensation appeal early access to the Higher-Level Review and Supplemental Claim Lanes outlined in the Appeals Modernization Act. By removing the invitation requirement, veterans will have the opportunity to benefit from the new, more efficient decision review process, versus continuing to wait in the legacy appeal process. As of March 31, RAMP reviews were completed in an average of 52 days. Second, in May, the Board of Veterans' Appeals will launch its Early Applicability of Appeals Modernization (BEAAM) pilot project. Under this project, the Board will

partner with the National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, Paralyzed Veterans of America and the California Department of Veterans Affairs to identify 50 veterans who are dissatisfied with a recent decision on their benefits claim. These veterans will participate in a study that allows them the option of appealing directly to the Board or seeking a review in RAMP. In this study the Board will collect preliminary data about veteran choices and experiences. In October, the Board will begin deciding appeals from RAMP decisions using the features of the Appeals Modernization Act, specifically its new separate Direct, Evidence and Hearing dockets. The expansion of RAMP, combined with the BEAAM, will allow VA to collect valuable data about implementation of the Appeals Modernization Act. You can contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Rated horsepower (abbr.)
4. What a cow says
7. Snake-like fish
8. Spiritual leader (abbr.)
10. Catch
12. Car part
13. Extremely small amount
14. Nucleic acid
16. The Greatest of All Time
17. Lustrous
19. India's least populated district
20. Muckraking journalist Jacob
21. Medicine
25. S. American plant
26. Small amount
27. Dry or withered
29. Where construction takes place
30. Russian river
31. Supervises flying

CLUES DOWN

32. "City of Brotherly Love" native
39. Greeting at meeting
41. Common gibbon
42. Type of TV
43. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
44. Scottish port
45. Computer company
46. One from Asia
48. Former significant others
49. Woven fabrics or garments
50. One's sense of self-esteem
51. The Science Guy
52. Monetary unit

CLUES DOWN

1. "The Leftovers" actress King
2. Epic
3. Missouri county
4. Chinese revolutionary
5. Get
6. Ancient Greek coin
8. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
9. Part of the human eye
11. A fisherman's accessory
14. Brazilian state
15. Of a wedding

CLUES ACROSS

18. Prosecutor
19. The main constituent of chromosomes
20. Advice
22. Principles of right and wrong
23. Decorate a cake with frosting
24. Headgear
27. New York art district
28. ___ Lilly, drug company
29. Car mechanics group
31. Influential U.S. president
32. Quell the anger
33. Swiss river
34. Personal computer
35. Incline from the vertical
36. Wild goats
37. Assert that someone has done wrong
38. Anti-apartheid leader ___ Mandela
39. Crop of a bird
40. "A Doll's House" playwright
44. Autonomic nervous system
47. Consumed

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TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday August 23, 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. Mark and Philicity Messman: Scenic Shores: Lots 24 & 25 in Grey Eagle Township. Site Address: 33500 Cottontail Drive. PIN: 11-0072600

1) Reduce the 100 ft. setback from lake from south side of cabin to approximately 82 ft. for construction of 8'x 10' porch/entry.
2) Eliminate existing 4' x 24' east side deck and replace with west side deck and improved stairs.
3) Eliminate existing north side 24 stairs and 4' x 10' landing and replace with 4' x 4' landing and 9 stairs.

2. Karl and Shari Pung: Lot 6 of Kuehne's Beach in Burnhamville Township. Site Address: 31285 Enchanted Loop. PIN: 06-0054200

1) Request to build new home on existing foundation (30 ft. x 24 ft.) with a maximum building height of 28 ft. instead of the allowed 18 ft. Existing foundation is 25 ft. from the OHWL.

3. Susan Gurley and Patricia Fish: N 250 ft of S 1100 ft. of Gov't Lot 4 in Burnhamville Township. Site Address: 19140 Ermine Drive. PIN: 06-0012600

1) Request to build handicapped accessible ramp and 14 ft x 12 ft deck 40ft. from the OHWL instead of the required 150ft.

4. 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.

5. Lynn Jorgensen: Lot 2 of McMahon's Subdivision in Leslie Township.

Site Address: 14148 Ferret Drive. PIN: 15-0056200

1) Request to build new 30 ft. x 38 ft. cabin 60 ft. from the OHWL instead of the required 75 ft.

2) Request to build 8ft. x 16 ft. deck 52 ft from the OHWL instead of the required 75 ft.

3) Request to exceed 18ft. height limit with building height of 20ft.

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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NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, August 13, 2018, at 4:30 p.m., at the Wadena County Attorney's Office, 415 Jefferson Street South, Suite C, Wadena, MN 56482.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant
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NOTICE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY BOARD

The Evergreen Hill Cemetery Board will meet Tuesday, August 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Staples Community Center. All welcome.

Bob Reeck, President
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NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., at the Wadena Elks Lodge, 647 Jefferson Street North, Wadena, MN 56482.

Curtis Bryniarski
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CASS COUNTY NOTICE OF STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

A state primary election will be held on August 14, 2018 to nominate candidates for the following offices which are to be voted on at the general election to be held November 6, 2018. The State Primary Partisan Election Ballot will include the offices of one U.S. Senator for term expiring January 3, 2025; one U.S. Senator for term expiring January 3, 2021; one U.S. Representative Congressional District 8; Governor and Lieutenant Governor; and Attorney General. The non-partisan primary ballot will include a ballot question for Sunday liquor sales in the City of Motley precinct only.

Polling place locations and hours of voting:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	HOURS	PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	HOURS
Townships:			Shingobee Precinct 2	Turtle Lake Town Hal.	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Bungo	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Sylvan	Sylvan Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Crooked Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Trelipe	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fairview	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Turtle Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Hiram	Hackensack Community Ctr	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Wabedo	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Kego	Longville Fire Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Wilkinson	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Leech Lake	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Woodrow	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Maple	Town Hall	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Cities:		
May	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Cass Lake	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
McKinley	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	East Gull Lake	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Pike Bay	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Hackensack	Hackensack Community Ctr	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Pine River	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Lake Shore	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Ponto Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Pillager	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Powers	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Pine River	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Shingobee Precinct 1	Town Hall	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Walker	Walker Fire Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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Beulah Township	Gould Township	Pine Lake Township	Thunder Lake Township
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Boy River Township	Longville	Rogers Township	Winnie Portage

Mail ballot precincts: All pre-registered voters in mail ballot precincts will receive ballots by mail. For voters not pre-registered that reside in a mail ballot precinct, call 218-547-7260 or visit the Cass County website at www.co.cass.mn.us for more information on registering to vote, voting by absentee ballot prior to election day, or in-person on election day at the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Ave W, Walker, MN and other designated locations.

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Water quality testing results for Todd County

After two years of water sampling and testing the health of the Mississippi River Brainerd Watershed's lakes and streams, results are in and for an overwhelming majority of Todd County's waters it's good news.

Out of the 16 lakes and streams tested in Todd County, 12 met or exceeded the state standards of water quality. That's 75 percent, numbers Shannon Wettstein, water planner for Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), wasn't surprised about.

"Many of the lakes sampled within the watershed are in great shape and these we will continue to work to keep clean," said Wettstein. "Those which did not meet the state standards were not a huge surprise and we'll begin efforts to reduce nutrient contributions to these waters."

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the local SWCDs have been collecting samples from within the Mississippi River Brainerd Watershed, which covers parts of Crow Wing, Aitkin, Cass, Morrison and Todd counties, including 212 lakes larger than 10 acres and 2,149 river miles. Elements

studied include water clarity, oxygen, nutrient and bacteria levels in area lakes, streams and rivers. MPCA crews also sampled fish using electrofishing equipment and collected invertebrate samples.

"By monitoring the state's major watersheds, it helps to prioritize efforts and bring them back to water-quality goals," said Bonnie Finnerty, watershed project manager with the MPCA's Baxter office. "Having data helps to support the conversations and provides a goal-focused context for people to work together."

Rick Krauel has been a member of Todd County's Long Lake Improvement Association for 21 years and its president for 16 years. Long Lake met the state water quality standards.

"We've been continually monitoring Long Lake for the last 30 years," said Krauel. "Since the late 1990s, we've performed secchi disk tests for water clarity. We also test for phosphorus, chlorophyll and test the lake's inlets for phosphorus and e-coli."

Three Todd County lakes did not meet state standards: Trace, Big Swan and Moose. Wettstein said these waters will be further investi-

gated and a plan will be created to restore water quality. Strategies will also be developed to protect lakes and streams that meet water-quality standards.

An open house regarding state water quality standards in local streams, rivers and lakes will be offered in the fall in Swanville for Todd and Morrison County residents. Information will be presented by the MPCA and Todd County SWCD and there'll be an opportunity for questions.

For more information about the five-county Mississippi River Brainerd Watershed, visit www.crowwing-swcd.org. Scroll down the homepage and click on the image of the Storymap of the Mississippi Brainerd Watershed. The interactive Storymap will be continually updated with data, website links, videos, media coverage, events and more.

This project, funded by the Clean Water and Land Legacy Amendment, was created to preserve Minnesota's drinking water sources, as well as protect, enhance and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, fish, game and wildlife habitat. For more information about Todd County SWCD, visit www.co.todd.mn.us.

Septic system maintenance

From Todd County Planning and Zoning

If you happen to live in a town or city with a municipal sewer system, the treatment of what goes down your sink or toilet probably isn't a great concern to you. If your toilets work and your tub drains, life is good. Paying your utility bill is likely the only worry you have relating to sewage treatment.

If you live in a more rural area, you likely depend on a septic tank and drainfield to take care of your waste water. Owning your own sewer treatment system requires a basic knowledge of how your

system works as well as how to maintain it for long, trouble free operation. Owning a sewer treatment system is a lot like owning a car:

- They are expensive.

Like a car, a septic tank and drainfield can be quite costly. System costs can range from \$6000 to 15,000 for a single family home.

- They should never be abused.

Just as we try not to overwork or abuse our automobiles, the same should hold true with a septic system. Systems are designed to treat standard toilet and wash water wastes. Make every effort to keep other waste products from entering the system.

- They should receive regular maintenance.

Everyone knows that if we expect our cars to last a long time, we must change the oil at regular intervals. The same holds true when it comes to having your septic tank pumped and cleaned. Septic tanks are designed to settle solids to the the bottom, oils and grease to the top and relatively clear water in the middle. It is this clear water that is discharged to the drainfield. If regular pumping and cleaning is not done, the solids, oils and grease can build up in the tank and enter the drainfield. Allowing this to happen shortens the life of your septic system or

worse, destroy it.

The best insurance for promoting a long life for your septic system is to have it pumped and cleaned by a septic professional at least once every three years. The cost for this service definitely outweighs the cost of installing a new system. Regular maintenance of your septic system, just like your car, will save you money (as well as headaches) in the long run.

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Volunteers keeping the Legacy alive



Gardens in full color, thanks to volunteers

Duane Strack points out some of the work going on at the Living Legacy Gardens. Every Tuesday, volunteers meet in the morning to share in the pruning, weed pulling and upkeep at the gardens. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Garden coordinator

Living Legacy Gardens volunteers coordinator Tammy Rick shows one of the new signs identifying plants in the garden, each containing a QR code for cell phone users to look up more information about the plants and the gardens. Eventually, Rick said there will be links in the herb garden with recipes that use each herb.



Shade garden duties

Not all volunteer work is in the hot sun, here Shirley Arnold and Crystal Halversma work in the shade garden portion. Arnold is a volunteer and Halversma is an employee of the Ag & Energy Center.



Woodworking skills

Dan Ackermann stands on the new bridge he built for the Living Legacy Gardens. Ackermann said he has been volunteering at the gardens since 2007 and has also built some of the arbors that are used in the garden.

FIELD DAY continued from page 1a

Activities for children, fruit growers, gardeners, wine makers, farmers, agribusinesses, all to be found at the Ag Center's Field Day Aug. 24

sive weed found in the area.

A complete list of activities is offered here.

History of 50 years of Ag Center - The Ag and Energy Center is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. Come learn about the history of how it all began in 1968 from Del Lecy. This will be repeated during the day. The book written by Lecy will be available for purchase

Tractor Ride and Drive - All ages are welcome to come and experience some of the latest technologies in equipment such as sprayers, the new RX and tillage demonstrations with trained John Deere technicians courtesy of Midwest Machinery in Wadena, Minn.

Drone Flight - Hands-on experience with drone technology experiencing flights and agricultural uses of drones for your farm with UAS Pilot Jonathan Beck.

Children's Program - Children (suggested ages 5-14) are invited to join in the children's activities ranging from tractor driving, digging for potatoes of all shapes, sizes and colors, and exploring drone technology relating to agriculture. Children are welcome to take fresh veggies home with them.

Nitrate Reduction Water Quality Study-AgXplore-NZONE MAX - The goal of this four-year study is to reduce nitrate leaching through the use of AgXplore's product NZONE MAX, which is mixed with all forms of urea when it is applied to the crop. Groundwater and soil poor water quality is being analyzed through monitoring wells and lysimeters set up at strategic areas in the field and along the parameter. Presenters will include Mark Peltier, Brandon McMillan and Mitch Whyte from AgXplore and Dan Whitney and Kristi Anderson from NWATS.

Ag and Ground Water Quality Tour - This presentation includes a tour of an off-site field. This study is designed to execute a land management plan that fosters soil health and provides adaptive management options that can be replicated to ultimately balance financial and environmental sustainability. Furthermore, intensive water quality monitoring is a significant portion of the study. Presenters include Ryan Perish with MDA and Dan Whitney with NWATS.

Kernza Plot Tour - This study was established last year to evaluate a new specialty crop, Kernza, and its potential impacts on coarse sandy soils. Studies include a variety study to study yield and plant characteristics, nitrogen application timing and traditional cropping rotations compared to Kernza while analyzing water quality through the use of lysimeters. Jake Junger will be presenting from the University of Minnesota

Palmer Amaranth Workshop - Palmer Amaranth was recently discovered in Todd and Douglas counties. This workshop's objectives is to increase farmers' awareness of Palmer Amaranth and tactics that we can take to prevent the spread of this weed. Drone flights will be demonstrated during this workshop of how drones can be used to scout for this weed and other weeds that could be an issue. This workshop is organized by the Todd County Weed Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp

Forage Council Bus Tour to Grand View Ranch - This tour will include an off-site tour to Grand View Ranch led by Kent Solberg. Topics covered include managed grazing, frost seeding, pasture infrastructure and custom grazing.

Living Legacy Gardens Tour - Come and enjoy the beauty of the Living Legacy Gardens. The gardens demonstrate zone three perennials, shrubs and herbs. Plant labels throughout the garden include a QR code. Self-guided tours are available throughout the day as well as all season long. A guided tour by Tammy Rick, glean coordinator at CLC, will be available at 11:30 a.m. A pie and ice cream social will also be included in the afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Local Foods Tour - This tour will be led by Specialty Crop Instructor Thaddeus McCamant. Fruits that are demonstrated on this tour include pears, cherries and apples. Come learn about various varieties for zone three as well as an apple density trial.

Viticulture Tour - This tour will be led by CLC Instructor Dennis Drummond. Vineyard demonstrations include a variety block, high wire versus low wire and table grape varieties. Wine making methods and best varieties for differing wines will also be presented.

Apple Workshop - A workshop led by Thaddeus McCamant will have further details pertaining to fruit tree crops with topics of summer budding and grafting of fruit trees and apple and plum diseases concerning Minnesota growers.

Trade show - Aside from publicized tours and workshops, several industry reps will be present at our trade show that will be in the machine shed from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. These folks will be available to share their research as well as product comparisons and some results. They will include U of M, Agriculture Research Service (USDA) and many private label seed companies. Our variety trials companies will also be present to share results and go to plots as needed for observation.

Nitrate testing of well water - Attendees should plan to bring water samples for free nitrate testing.



Gardening expertise

LaVonne Selleck is known as the weed expert among the Living Legacy Gardens volunteers. Not only is she adept at getting the weeds out of the flower beds, she also knows the names of most of the weeds and teaches the other volunteers. Other volunteers not pictured include Lois Kneisl and Mary Sperley.

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Brian Sams cast in movie 'Brother's Keeper'



Brush with fame

Brian Sams of Cushing (left) is pictured with Milo Gibson, son of acclaimed actor/director Mel Gibson, at a rehearsal for the upcoming movie, "Brothers Keeper." Sams is playing the role of Coach Del Van Cox and Milo Gibson has been cast as Chaplain Chad Mitchell in this film based on the true story of the 2009 Abilene High School championship football season. (Submitted photo)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

It's not every day that you set out to find a parking spot for your car and end up being cast in a movie.

That's basically what happened to Cushing resident Brian Sams, who is playing the role of Coach Del Van Cox in the upcoming film, "Brother's Keeper," thanks to an unexpected friendship formed with the show's producer, Hamid Torabpour of Owatonna.

Sams, who owns Campfire Bay Resort on Fish Trap Lake south of Motley along with his wife, Heather, shared that he needed a place to leave his car for 10 days while on a mission trip. Hamid said "yes" when Brian asked if he could park it in his driveway and the two ultimately became friends.

Subsequently, Brian learned about Hamid's production company, Winterstate Entertainment. He proceeded to introduce his friend Brian Nelson of Randall to Hamid and Nelson would go on to work with him on the movie, "Zombies." Down the road,

when they needed another actor on short notice for Winterstate Entertainment's "Elijah," Brian Nelson and Hamid thought of Brian Sams.

It was a great experience, Brian said of the short movie, which he described as a 'proof of concept' film. A few months later, he was thrilled to be offered a role in the full-length film, "Brother's Keeper."

The movie is based on the true story of the 2009 Abilene Eagles Football Team. According to information at their website, www.winterstateentertainment.com, "In 2008, the Abilene High Eagle's football team from Abilene, Texas was knocked out of the playoffs in the first round. What happened between that loss and the following year in the championship game was

more than just strategy. The teammates put their focus on forming a unique bond and ultimately that season inspired a book, "My Brother's Keeper," and within the year, it's becoming a movie."

Several of the underdog team members came from tough family situations, Brian shared of the story. Their chaplain, Chad Mitchell, worked to develop these players as a family and to learn to take care of each other on and off the team. Mitchell would go on to write the book that inspired the movie.

Filming for "Brother's Keeper" took place this past June at various locations in Owatonna. In September, Brian will fly to Texas where the final scenes will be shot in Abilene.

It's been an educational experience, Brian said, of seeing the process of making a movie. He got a taste of it during the making of "Elijah" but has been stretched even more during "Brother's Keeper."

He's had to develop a Texas accent for this show, Brian said, adding that he worked with renowned actor Glenn Morshower, who plays the part of the head coach in the movie. Other Hollywood actors that are a part of the film include Milo Gibson and Laurence Fishburne, the latter of whom Brian was in a scene with when they filmed in Minnesota.

Although his experience is limited, Brian said that he has always enjoyed theater. He recalled the one-act play he was a part of during high school, entitled "Cinderella Wore Combat Boots." Todd Denning was the director, he added.

He was in one show during his time at Bethel University, as well, Brian went on, mentioning, "The Importance of Being Ernest" and then after college, was cast in a show with a theater company in



Rehearsal break

Cast members in the upcoming film, "Brother's Keeper" take a break from a rehearsal in Owatonna this past spring. Pictured, from right, are Brian Sams, Cushing; Brian Nelson, Randall; Glenn Morshower, television actor; Chad Mitchell, author of the book upon which the film is based; and actor Eric Emery. Filming will resume this September in Texas, onsite at the high school football field where the story took place. (Submitted photo)

St. Paul.

Brian's not sure that he would have ever had the nerve to audition for anything had it not been for his involvement in extra-curricular speech when he was a teen.

A 1989 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, Brian recalled the day coach Frank Odell told him that he was going to be on the speech team...and so he was. "I was in seventh grade," Brian said.

Other than choices he's made regarding his spiritual life and who he would marry, deciding to be on the speech team has had the greatest impact on his overall life.

"I don't think I'd be doing what I am today," Brian said of his work at the

resort and all that it entails. He credits skills learned while on the speech team for his being able to follow directions quickly, and for being able to interact with customers and employees. Speech prepared him for all sorts of work. "After being in speech, I don't think I was afraid to talk to anyone ever again," Brian said.

This past year, he and his wife, Heather, were the head high school speech coaches at his alma mater. It was an exciting season of helping students reach their goals both individually and as a team. Several speech team members competed at state and the team was ranked 5th at the 2018 Class A competition.

Brian sees some com-

parisons to the students he's worked with on the speech team to those football players his character coaches in "Brother's Keeper."

There's a real "sense of family...of building each other up," Brian said of the speech team. The concept of caring for each other to help make a better team definitely works, he added.

He's been inspired by the message of the movie, which echoes much of what he learned from his own coach when he was a teen. Put yourself out there and start doing things. You'll find that when you have to, you'll be able to do something. That's how you'll experience success.

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School board begins process to find permanent superintendent

beyond the scope of the original contract and were not authorized. One of FJJ's responses was to ask WSN to stop working with the school district.

"We have a separate contract with WSN," said Bryan Winkels, noting that the building project can't move forward if they aren't meeting with the architect.

Mary Freeman said notes from meetings with Jeff Schiltz of FJJ indicate they agreed the school board should hire an architect and even sat in on the interviews.

"We followed their directions to a 'T,'" Freeman said.

Winkels explained that FJJ was billing for hours assuming that "we were going to Phase II."

The board agreed they have approved nothing regarding Phase II.

Another factor is that

after the initial contract was signed, FJJ merged with ICS Consulting, Inc. Board members noted they had no contract with ICS.

"The hang up is (the term) 'implied contract'," Bratlie said.

According to Winkels, the district's attorney said judges can be lenient toward implied contract cases.

"Our attorney feels strongly that we won't get out of this without paying something," Winkels said, and that the two parties might have to go to mediation.

"Why should there be a settlement when there is no wrong doing on our part?" asked Greg Frisk.

"If we can move forward with an architect, then I'm 100 percent in favor of holding our ground," Winkels said. "If not, then I'll soften to go to mediation."

"I disagree 100 percent," Frisk said. "They're trying to hold us hostage."

Brad Anderson earlier agreed with Winkels, saying the board's priority is to get an architect, whether WSN or someone else.

Chad Longbella said they needed to contact WSN to see "if they will play ball with us or not."

Bruce Lund said that paying the full amount was not an option.

"We don't believe we're obligated to pay anymore," Lund said. "But why doesn't our lawyer agree with this?"

Winkels repeated the

issue of "implied contract."

Frisk also made reference to what he called "the elephant in the room." He reminded the board that their clerk resigned over this issue because he signed something, but then found later it was something different than he thought. The clerk, Dave Hoemberg, resigned in January 2018.

In other business the board:

• Discussed marketing options to keep the public informed as the building project progresses. One was that there be a presence in the Railroad Days parade to distribute liter-

ature. Even though there are many unknowns at this point, the literature could direct the public to the district's new website where information can be posted as soon as decisions are made.

• Discussed how to begin a search for a permanent superintendent. The goal is to have a new superintendent ready to begin July 1, 2019. Freeman and Lund agreed to develop a timeline and research information about going with a search firm or the state school board association or to handle everything within the district.



Quilt show during Railroad Days

The Piecemakers Quilt Club will hold a Quilt Show with a Bed Turning on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 510 5th St. NE, Staples. There will be many beautiful quilts, wall hangings, table runners and other sewn items.

A Bed Turning will be held at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. The Bed Turning features antique quilts and quilts with a story. For the Bed Turning, many quilts are laid on a bed and each is "turned down" as the story is told. One of the quilts on the Bed Turning is an antique

Fan Quilt made by Annette Good's mother, Doris Hoyt, and hand-quilted by her aunt, Helga Bakken.

Tickets will also be on sale for "Duty, Honor and Country," the group's raffle quilt. The raffle quilt was made from the stash of former member Lorna Wiens. This event is free to the public. For more information contact Lisa Kajer at 218-894-2906.

Pictured with the quilt "Duty, Honor and Country" are Judy Droubie and Annette Good. (Submitted photo)

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Minor League players get into baseball

The Staples-Motley Community Education Summer Recreation program's Minor League players, for boys and girls grades 3-4, batted against a pitching machine and played out the hit balls. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Pines score a win over potatoes

If your fast food habits occasionally include French fries at McDonald's, then you have indirectly been a party to a skirmish that appears to have ended in an unexpected retreat. It was recently announced that a regional power in corporate potato production, North Dakota-based R.D. Offutt, Inc., has decided that it will halt plans to convert more acres of forested land to irrigation-enabled potato production in North Central and West Central Minnesota, near the headwaters of the Mississippi and Itasca State Park. For the record, McDonald's is one of Offutt's more high-profile customers.

Offutt had previously purchased the forested acreage from the Potlatch Corporation, but its plan to farm the land after removing the forest depended on receiving permits for high-volume wells from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Due to the sandy nature of the soils over much of the area – no coincidence that it's called the Pineland Sands Area – irrigation is necessary to ensure a successful crop. There are still farmers who rely on timely rain, but irrigating is like being dealt a poker hand with all the aces; not much can happen to make you lose.

It's not like there hasn't already been conversion of many forested acres in Minnesota to crop production or ag land scattered among the northern forests that's already under irrigated potato production. The Offutt firm itself already owns more than 200 wells scattered across the counties of Hubbard, Wadena and Becker counties that include the communities of Wadena, Park Rapids and Detroit Lakes. But the scope of the planned new land conversion, the higher volume of water needed for irrigation and the nitrate fertilizers used to make the sandy soil produce potatoes were what led the Minnesota DNR to decide that Offutt's permit had to await a serious environmental study.

There's actually more than one issue to be reckoned with here. There's the loss of forest land, and with it the recreational, wildlife, future timber harvest and aesthetic values we have long associated with Minnesota's forests. Several years ago the DNR actually called for a moratorium on the large-scale conversion of forested land to cropland in the state.

Then there is the matter of drawing down water from this one regional source, the shallow Pineland Sands Aquifer, which feeds the Mississippi, other rivers and streams, lakes and wetlands in the region. Not to mention the wells from which many of the region's residents and municipalities obtain their drinking water. As early as the 1990s, a conservation group sought a moratorium on new wells in this area and asked for a study

to determine whether increasing irrigation would reduce water flow and harm an important local trout stream. They essentially got nowhere.

In the dozen years from 2005 to 2017, groundwater pumped to irrigate land above the Pineland Sands Aquifer has doubled, reaching 10.7 billion gallons per year in 2017. Between 2015 and the present, one in every five permits for new high-capacity irrigation wells there was issued to the Offutt firm.

Irrigation is such an ingrained part of American agriculture that it's difficult to question its legitimacy. I like a good French fry or baked potato as much as anyone, but it may be legitimate to ask "whose water?" The water in a stream or river flowing above ground is understood and reinforced by Minnesota law to belong to the public, not the property owner through whose land the stream or river runs. Logic suggests that water underground, flowing for many miles and under the property of many landowners, should be viewed the same way. That's why there's a well drilling permit process, though it's not clear that non-agricultural values are given enough weight when permit issuance is considered.

Last, but certainly not least, is the potential for groundwater contamination from the nitrate fertilizers routinely applied to boost potato production on porous, nutrient-poor soils. It was this worry that ultimately led the DNR to decide that a more thorough study was needed before blessing Offutt's planned

forest-to-potatoes expansion.

The Minnesota DNR was certainly aware of past citizen petitions asking for serious environmental review. One was in 2015 and held some 700 signatures but the Minnesota Legislature declined to fund it. A new petition is asking for a comprehensive review like the first: how much irrigation pumping can be sustained; what are the health impacts of farm chemical use in that area; are there alternative farming practices that could reduce harmful effects?

But with Offutt deciding not to pursue this project in Minnesota and therefore not waiting for a DNR permit, there is less leverage to motivate the Legislature to fund such a study. It's not so far-fetched to imagine that some state lawmakers might prefer not to know the whole truth if it would reflect poorly on agricultural practices. That's pure speculation, but it's hard not to be cynical about politicians, national or local.

In the meantime however, many trees on many forested Minnesota acres have a reprieve; for now, at least. R.D. Offutt has indicated that the former Potlatch land it purchased for eventual potato production will go up for sale. But other individual landowners are still converting forests to crop production and applying for irrigation permits. All of which means that a comprehensive environmental assessment like the one envisioned by the DNR – and by the hundreds who signed one of those petitions – is long overdue.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn



Lauren Rutten and Jenna Dvorak - 1st place



Tiffany and Tasha Achermann - 2nd place



Grace Allen and Georgia Kruchten - 4th place

Tie-Dye teams play tourney

The Staples-Motley Verndale Tennis Boosters held their 1st annual Tie-Dye Doubles Tennis Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 4, in Staples. Players were encouraged to double up and wear tie-dye if possible for a fun event getting area players some extra tournament play and practice leading up to the fall girls tennis season.

The event was limited to players age 16 and under. Top five team finishers were all from Staples-Motley/Verndale. First place went to the team of Lauren Rutten and Jenna Dvorak. Twin sisters Tasha and

Tiffany Achermann finished in second place. Another sibling team in the competition were sisters Elizabeth and Abigail DiGiovanni who took third place. Fourth place went to Grace Allen and Georgia Kruchten. Fifth place finishers were Corinne Olson and Ronnie Noska.

For area girls interested in participating in the fall tennis season, contact the Staples-Motley High School activities office and they can put you in touch with the players organizing captain's practice, starting the week of August 6.



Abbi and Ellie DiGiovanni - 3rd place



Corinne Olson and Ronnie Noska - 5th place

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Starry Trek 2018: volunteers sought for invasive species study

Volunteers from across Minnesota are needed on Saturday, August 18 to participate in a statewide search for starry stonewort, Minnesota's newest aquatic invasive species. Hundreds of volunteers will gather at rendezvous sites statewide to learn how to identify starry stonewort and other aquatic invasive species and search for them in area lakes.

Starry stonewort is an invasive algae that was first found in Lake Koronis in 2015 and has since spread to eleven Minnesota lakes. Early detection of this species is critical for control. Last year a group of Starry Trek volunteers found an early infestation of starry stonewort in Grand Lake, which led to the lake association and Minnesota DNR rapidly mobilizing to hand-pull the infestation. Initial results from this early intervention are very promising.

"This event is a terrific way for people to get outdoors, get educated about aquatic invasive species, and help protect their area lakes," said Megan Weber, Extension Educator with the Minnesota Aquatic In-

vative Species Research Center. "The information we gain at this event helps researchers and managers understand its current distribution and potentially take action if new infestations are found."

No experience or equipment is necessary to participate in Starry Trek. Expert training on monitoring protocols and starry stonewort identification will be provided on-site. This event is free but registration is requested. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

"I am excited to be taking part and assisting the University of Minnesota Extension and the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center with such an important event," said James Wooton, Aquatic Invasive Species Detector. "Education and early detection are both key components to the prevention and spread of aquatic invasive species, and together, through public education and early detection, we can prevent future spread and infestations in our beautiful Minnesota lakes, rivers and streams."

There will be 25 rendezvous sites around the state, including Todd County. Volunteers will meet at their local rendezvous site for training, then be sent to nearby lakes to check for starry stonewort. At the end of the day they'll return to the rendezvous site to report their findings. For a full list of the sites and other FAQs, please visit www.StarryTrek.org.

Statewide coordination for Starry Trek is done by the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center and University of Minnesota Extension in partnership with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. A portion of the funding for this program is provided by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

For statewide information contact: Megan Weber, Extension Educator, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, mmweber@umn.edu, 763-767-3874.

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Another successful Summerfest



With her new furry friend

Nine-year-old Kahlan Johnson of Fort Ripley spent some time befriending an alpaca at the petting zoo in Cushing Aug. 3, one of several children's activities offered during Summerfest. She attended the event with her grandma Robin Johnson and great-grandma Pat Biddle, both of Motley. The petting zoo, Joah's Ark, is headquartered in St. Augusta and featured a number of animals including donkeys, ponies, pigs, labrador puppies, bunnies, cows and goats.



Support for Haiti

A variety of arts and crafts booths were set up during the Scandia Valley Summerfest Aug. 3. Pictured above with items handcrafted in Haiti are, from left, Pat Toschak, Jomyla Choate and Jackie Jensen. The women represented the Haiti Partnership of Rural MN, a religious organization which offers support to the people of Haiti. All three have done volunteer mission work there. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Two-vehicle accident with injuries in Motley

Two people sustained minor injuries as the result of a two-vehicle accident on Hwy 10 in Motley Aug. 6.

According to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, the accident occurred shortly after 2 p.m., one mile south of Motley in Motley Township.

Their report states that 23-year-old Thomas Holker of Motley was traveling south on Hwy 10 and 20-year-old Nicole Lahr of Cushing was also traveling south on Hwy 10, behind Holker's vehicle. Holker

started to make a right turn into a driveway when Lahr's vehicle struck the back of his vehicle.

Lahr was transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples with minor injuries. Thomas Holker's passenger, 58-year-old Gerald Holker was also transported to the Staples hospital with minor injuries. Both vehicles sustained moderate damage.

The sheriff's office was assisted at the scene by Motley Fire and Rescue and Staples Ambulance.

Law enforcement reports

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

July 26 - Aug. 1 - The MPD issued 10 speeding citations.

July 29 - The MPD responded to a report of a vehicle on fire at BRICKS Travel Center, Motley. It turned out that the vehicle was not on fire but had a blown head gasket and was leaking a lot of anti-freeze onto the exhaust. After canceling a call to the fire department, the officer noticed a glass pipe in the center console of the vehicle and a bottle of pills. Neither the driver or the passenger had a driver's license with them. After identifying the driver, the officer discovered he had

several warrants out of Beltrami County. A Cass County deputy stopped to assist and proceeded to transport the driver with the warrant to Walker. The passenger was clear of warrants and was allowed to leave. The vehicle was towed to Always Available.

July 30 - The MCSO responded to a report of a small grass fire on the east side of Hwy 10, just north of 230th St. in Motley. Scandia Valley Fire Department was dispatched and responded. DNR was also notified.

July 27 - The MCSO arrested John Elmer Born, 56, for POR (Predatory Offender Registry) noncompliance. Born was arrested at the 900 block of Hwy 10 in Motley.



Love that sweet corn

Don and Jeanette Wippler of Cushing enjoyed the sweet corn and barbecued turkey meal at the Scandia Valley Fire Hall during last weekend's Summerfest in Cushing. The annual Firemen's BBQ was a fundraiser for the Scandia Valley Fire Department. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Fun at Summerfest

Betty Reger (left) was one of several volunteers from Lincoln Free Evangelical Church helping with children's activities during the Scandia Valley Summerfest Aug. 3. She is pictured with Morgan Teff and Macey Fitzpatrick, both of Sauk Rapids. The girls said their families were staying at Auger's Resort in Motley for the week.

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 Ray Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight & Youth 6:30 p.m.

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

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 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
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 10:15 a.m.

United Methodist

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

Aldrich

Congregational, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of Month

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

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

Motley

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

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

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

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone 218-746-3839
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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

Hewitt

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

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

Verndale

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldgaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes 9:00 a.m.
Prayer 9:20 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Meal
6:30 p.m. Groups

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

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

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager
218-639-4225
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Magnifying Glasses and Mirrors

Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church

*"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye,
but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"*

Or how can you say to your brother,

'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?"
(Matthew 7:3-4)

Jesus speaks to us about our natural tendency to find blame with others, even while being completely oblivious to our own shortcomings and offenses. That speck in the other guy's eye bothers us so much that we feel obligated to do something about it. All the while, we ignore the fact that there is a tree trunk in our own eye.

Jesus asks "why?" Why is it that we so naturally focus on the blame and fault of others while denying our own responsibility? The answer is simple. Acknowledging my faults is painful. Blaming others makes me feel superior and absolves me of responsibility. So I cast the blame on anyone I can to keep the blame from falling on me. It's instinctive. We all do it.

Jesus tells us that the path to overcoming this hypocritical tendency begins with redirecting our attention. When the question of blame arises, our instinctive reaction is to reach for the magnifying glass so we can closely inspect the other person's eye for the tiniest bit of dirt. But Jesus tells us to leave the magnifying glass aside. Our first action should be to pick up the mirror and look at ourselves. And if we are willing to look at ourselves with the objectivity of a mirror, we will almost always find a speck. Or maybe two. We may even discover a log!

And in that moment, when I deal honestly with my own shortsightedness, then and only then, will I finally be in a condition to help my brother with his need.

Put down the magnifying glass. Pick up the mirror.

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Longbella Drug Store
"The Prescription Store"
2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242
Motley and Pillager

Ernie's Food Market
Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic
"Complete Animal Care"
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Fully Insured to \$250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Central Building Supply
Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Staples World
Your community newspaper since 1890
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

Staples True Value "Just Ask Rental"
Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263