

Stainbrook is Todd County coordinator

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

The Todd County Commissioners hired Jonathan Stainbrook as the new county coordinator at their Sept. 4 meeting.

On Aug. 29, the commissioners conducted their interviews with six candidates.

Stainbrook is currently working as the senior technical/administrative specialist for the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office in Brainerd. He will begin working as coordinator for the county Sept. 24.

His starting salary will be \$90,563 with an insurance adjustment of \$1,531.02

In other business the board:

- Approved a list of ditch maintenance assessments for taxes payable 2019 for several Todd

County ditches.

- Previously approved a repair project for County Ditch 18 and have transferred funds to cover the expenses until the assessment collections are completed. This project is almost complete. Acting as the Todd County Ditch Authority, the board approved a resolution for the assessment payment terms for County Ditch 18 Repair Project. The total of the assessments are \$289,000.

In a similar action, the board acting as the ditch authority also approved the reimbursement of \$1,527.45 from CD 18 to the Public Works Department for fuel used to haul spoils from the 1/2 mile section of lateral 2 that is located on the County Road 11 road right of way to a pit that is located seven miles away from the excavation site.

- Approved the final payment of \$2,169.49 to Traffic Marking Service, Inc. for pavement stripping. Partial payments have already been made in the amount of \$41,220.23 for a grand total of \$43,389.72.

- Approved the final payment to Northern Salt, Inc. for the 2018 dust control contract in the amount of \$5,368.59. Previous payments had been made in the amount of \$102,003.12 for a total of \$107,371.71.

- According to Facilities Supervisor Mitch Johnson, last year the board elected

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Blandin coming to Staples

The Blandin Foundation Trustees will hold their annual fall meeting in Staples this weekend. Each year they hold their meeting in a different rural community in Minnesota.

During their time here, the Blandin Board will take a bus tour of Staples and visit Long Prairie. They will talk to community members about the opportunities and challenges in the area and how Blandin can help be a better partner in the community.

Blandin Foundation is Minnesota's largest rural-based foundation and one of only a handful of private foundations in the country focused exclusively on rural communities.



Keeping the integrity of the bids

Sourcewell's procurement team takes care of the entire competitive solicitation process—both request for proposals on general purchases and invitations to bid on construction contracting. Pictured from left, Carol Jackson, Brandon Town, James Voelker, Jeremy Schwartz (CPO), Chris Robinson (manager), Michael Munoz, Kim Austin, and Sheila Christoffersen. Not pictured: Greg Grunig, currently deployed on assignment in Kuwait with the Army National Guard. (Submitted photo)

Competitive process crucial to Sourcewell achievement

By Mark Anderson
News Editor
With Sourcewell press release

By paying attention to the details of their bidding process, Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) has become a successful contract purchasing source, where schools, government entities and non-profits can purchase needed equipment without going through a separate bidding process. From their Staples headquarters, Sourcewell facilitates more than \$2 billion in purchasing contracts per year.

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their success, not in the amount of business they do, but for doing it the right way. For the third year in a row, Sourcewell took on the rigorous application process for the prestigious Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) award from the National Procurement Institute (NPI). And, for the third year in a row, Sourcewell successfully earned the distinction.

The annual AEP Award is earned by public organizations throughout the United States and Canada demonstrating excellence by obtaining a high score based on standardized application criteria. The

criteria are designed to measure innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership attributes of the organization.

"NPI is one of the most respected organizations in our industry," said Dr. Chad Coquette, Sourcewell Executive Director/CEO. "It really sets the bar for public procurement entities as far as excellence, industry best practices, commitment to continuous improvement, and professionalism. Sourcewell is humbled to be a recipient and we remain committed to surpassing the expectations of our over 50,000 member organizations

looking to us for procurement solutions."

The success of Sourcewell is dependent on making sure they offer contracts in an impartial manner. They are not the only entity in this field, so they make sure they do it in a way that is fair to both members (schools, government offices) and vendors (companies that sell products through bids administered by Sourcewell).

Jeremy Schwartz, the Director of Operations and Procurement at Sourcewell, said "there is a rigorous process we must follow" to get a contract approved.

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Fiber arts trail shows local talent

The Piecemakers Quilt Club and artist Pam Collins of Staples are among the features of the Weaving Waters Fiber Arts Trail Sept. 21 and 22.

Pam Collins

Collins will give the artist talk at Great River Arts in Little Falls Friday, Sept. 21. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the talk begins at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

Her talk is entitled, "The Way of Water." She will share her experience of turning fabric, mosaic and paint into art that depicts the western shores of Ireland.

Collins is mostly a self-taught artist, who works in watercolors, mosaics, and fabric (not simultaneously). She has studied under nationally known artists in pursuit of her favorite medium. She has led numerous watercolor and mosaic workshops in her studio, at area art centers and school districts. Her passion is contagious and inspirational.

Collins will also host an open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at her home studio at 1021 5th St. NE, Staples.

Piecemakers Quilt Club

The Piecemakers Quilt Club will offer several mini-classes as well as



Pam Collins

a "Show and Tell" bed turning at The Landmark Inn in Staples on Friday and Saturday.

Barn quilts will also be on display along with instructions on how to make one.

The bed turning will be at noon each day. Quilts are placed on a bed

and, as the story of each quilt is told, the quilt is turned down to reveal the next quilt and the next story.

Friday's classes include:

- Making a "YoYo" - 11 a.m.
- English Paper Piecing (Hexagons) - 1 p.m.
- How to Make Baby Burp Pads - 2 p.m.
- "Invisible Binding" on a quilt - 3 p.m.

Saturday's classes include:

- Tool Talk: Best Basic Tools for Quilting - Show and Tell - 11 a.m.
- How to Make Baby Burp Pads - 1 p.m.
- "Improv Tools" - Our Favorite Tools Show and Tell - 2 p.m.

The club is also raffling a queen-sized quilt with the pattern "Duty, Honor and Country" by Kelly Corbridge. Quilters Mary Theurer, Annette Good, Beth Fabian and Nancy Johnson all contributed to making the quilt made from material from the stash of the late Lorna Weins. The quilt drawing is at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Weaving Waters

Weaving Waters Fiber Arts Trail Fall Tour is an annual arts and cultural tour with stops in Little Falls, See **FIBER ARTS** on page 9a

Hello, Readers,

On Sept. 13 Kids Take Over The Kitchen Day is a day which can be both fun and fulfilling - for young and old alike! Originally pioneered by the Young Chefs Academy, this is a fun movement with its roots in a serious cause. Children and teens are encouraged to 'take over the kitchen' by involving them in the preparation and planning of the day's meals (under the supervision of parents/guardians where required). From this, the budding Masterchefs will learn about nutrition and healthy eating habits - the start of a battle against the very serious health issues facing many youngsters today. Not only will this be a healthy learning experience for your child, the day will help foster a tremendous family spirit; and afterwards you might even have acquired a new, regular helper in the kitchen!

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Marlys Drake
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Paint the town with trees

Unmentioned in the 22 reasons to plant trees is the annual color show in Minnesota as trees turn all shades of red, orange and yellow. See the 22 reasons trees can keep us healthy and save us money on page 9a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Early Childhood director deals with filling jobs

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Staffing issues, job descriptions and a facility update were among the discussion topics at a work session of the Staples-Motley School Board Sept. 10.

Susan Anderson, Early Learning Services director, came to the board with a proposal to increase the wages of staff at Little Cardinal Academy. She cited difficulty in retaining staff at current wages as the reason.

At present staff earn \$10.50 per hour. Anderson requested a raise to \$12 per hour, which would be \$13.74 with taxes. She and Jenna Smith, payroll and human resources, also provided a comparison if

the staff were to be put on contract. The rate of \$15.88 would include benefits.

Smith noted that at present, health insurance is offered at the employee's expense, but most weren't taking it because they couldn't afford it.

Anderson expressed disappointment that Chuck Herdegen was unable to attend the meeting. Herdegen is filling the role of school business manager. The district contracted with his firm BerganKVD for his services.

Anderson said she spent some time with Herdegen doing a very brief review, since she hasn't seen a budget in two years. She thought the budget would support her request, but

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Volunteers painting the town



The Paint the Town program in Staples has begun, with local businesses and service organizations volunteering their time and efforts in painting a few homes in need of fresh paint. Pictured above recently near 2nd Ave. NE, volunteers paint trim at the house of Arlene Ludovissie. From left are Amy Winter, Kylie Fix, Bridget Gerard, employees at First International Bank and Trust (FIBT) in Staples; and Rachel Johnson, Staples City Council member. In lower photo, from left, Fix and Winter are hard at work. Mandi Hanson (not pictured) from FIBT also volunteered that day, as did Tom Honek of Staples, who did some light yard work. “I am overwhelmed,” Ludovissie said when the crew had finished their work. “I can’t thank them enough for all they did.” (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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Salsa Fest features food, music and fun

In celebration of food grown locally in Central Minnesota and the rich cultural diversity of the local farming and food community, the Central Chapter of the Sustainable Farming Association (SFA) invites the community to attend the second annual Minnesota Salsa Fest from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Todd County Fairgrounds in Long Prairie. Salsa Fest features live music, dancing, local vendors and fun for the whole family.

Minnesota Salsa Fest includes salsa-making demonstrations, salsa ice cream for sample and sale, developed by the University of Minnesota Ice Cream Lab and served by the Todd County dairy princesses. Local vendors will be selling salsa and other farmers’ market goods. Food and beverage options for sale include tacos, fresh guacamole, pulled pork sandwiches, pizza and Finnegan’s and Modelo beer.

Also slated is the popular salsa contest. From 1-3 p.m. attendees can taste contest entries and vote for their favorite. Public votes

will be counted to determine the top three salsas per category (Red, Verde or Pico de Gallo) that will face the contest judges in the final round from 5-6 p.m.

“I had the privilege to judge the Salsa Contest in 2017 and I was surprised at the many distinct and unique varieties,” said Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst, director of the Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce. “Salsa Fest showcases area businesses including growers, food producers and restaurants. It’s a great opportunity to capture some of what Long Prairie has to offer, while also having quite a bit of fun.”

Another highlight of this year’s fest is the live musical entertainment by The Stearns County Pachanga Society, which hits the Salsa Fest stage from 6-9 p.m. As an organic musical experiment, the Stearns County Pachanga Society aims to combine the participatory musical spirit of Cuban Cabillos, Brazilian Samba clubs and Spanish Charangas. Bring your own percussion instruments, dance and enjoy the rhythms.

Vendor, sponsor and salsa contest applications are still being accepted. For more information and applications in both English and Spanish, visit www.sfa-mn.org/salsafest or contact Event Coordinator Zachary Paige at salsafest@sfa-mn.org or 631-807-5163.

The 2018 Minnesota Salsa Fest sponsors include the University of Minnesota Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, Local Harvest Market, Minnesota Grown, CentraCare Health-Long Prairie, Sprout MN, Coborn’s Long Prairie, Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education-North Central, Buckwheat Growers Association of Minnesota, American Heart Association, Good Food Access Fund, Long Prairie Farmers Market, Long Prairie Sanitation, Todd County Farm Bureau, Cass County Farm Bureau, Finnegans Brewing, Knights of Columbus, American Heritage Bank, Central Minnesota Credit Union and Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank.

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Parks and Trails request budget increase

to build a new storage shed. During the process, it was discovered that the water table was too high to install the water and sewer main line without the process of dewatering. The board approved the unbudgeted request of \$1,500 to do the dewatering so they can fully use the building.

• Lee Christopherson representing the Todd County Parks and Trails Board, asked the county board to increase their budget from \$12,000 to \$20,000.

He said they would like

to hire a maintenance person for the park to do the mowing, take care of the garbage and do general cleaning.

Christopherson thought they could hire the person as a part-time county employee for about 60-70 hours a year.

Chairman Randy Neumann said that Battle Point Park had been utilized a lot this past weekend.

“If you want people to come into your county and spend money (we need the budget for it),” said Neumann.

Christopherson said that Wadena County has a \$45,000 park and trail budget.

Commissioner Rod Erickson noted that cur-

rently Todd County’s Parks and Trails Board was on a “paying the bills” budget.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that the park could contract for the cleaning/mowing service like the county does for the fairground.

“If we really want a parks and trails (board) we need to have a bigger budget,” said Commissioner David Kircher.

Christopherson said they have made small improvements with their limited funding, but need more funds if they want to make progress.

The board approved the increase which was included in this year’s budget.

Cardinal football team to host ‘Tackle Cancer’

The Staples-Motley football team will take on Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on Friday, Sept. 24, while the spectators “Tackle Cancer”.

A free-will donation will be collected during the first half of the game (look for students with the pink buckets) and luminary bags will be sold. Fans are encouraged to write a name, message of hope or memorial for those you choose. The bags will be placed out on the 50-yard line after the game with battery candles inside and the field lights turned off, as those present will pause for a moment of silence.

Attendees who are currently battling cancer or have “Tackled Cancer” will be announced over the loudspeaker before team introductions. There will be sign-up stations at the gate to take the names of cancer survivors who want to be introduced.

All proceeds will go to Randy Shaver’s Tackle Cancer Research and Community Fund.

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Todd County water quality open house

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

An open house regarding state water quality standards in local streams, rivers and lakes will be offered on Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Lions Club Building, at 405 Degraff Ave. in the Swanville City Park, from 7-8:30 p.m. for residents of Todd and Morrison counties. Information will be presented by the MPCA and Todd SWCD and there will be an opportunity for questions.

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 Tim Stieber, Director 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 Stieber. "Those which did not meet the state standards were not a huge surprise and we will 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 ten 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.

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. Stieber said these waters will be further investigated 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.

For more information about the five-county Mississippi River Brainerd Watershed, visit www.crowwingswcd.org. Scroll down the homepage and click on the image of the Storymap of the Mississippi Brainerd Watershed. For more information about Todd County SWCD, visit www.co.todd.mn.us.

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Building committee seeking marketing expertise

she couldn't say that for sure at this point. She hoped Herdegen could give the board a better idea of how her request would fit into the overall plan.

An additional factor in retaining staff is the amount of additional training required to retain the licensing for LCA and the Parent Aware certification.

"Teachers and aides need 50 hours of additional training plus CPR and first aid," Anderson said.

While she tries to get grants to help pay for the training, she can't pay the staff for the hours they spend in training.

Anderson also pointed out that staff in the After School Adventures and Summertime Adventures program were paid \$12 per hour.

If she has to hire substitutes, those are also paid more than her regular staff.

Board chair Chad Longbella said the district started the program for three and four-year-olds in the hope that those students would remain in the district.

"The board needs to know there's an issue," he said. "We need to see data if the program is working."

He added that he knew Anderson was busy with the paperwork of the job.

Anderson noted that many of the children were eligible for scholarships from the state, but she has to invoice the state for each child every month and "that doesn't include other necessary invoicing."

In addition to Little Cardinals Academy (LCA), Anderson supervises Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) and School Readiness programs. She noted she has been unable to find teachers for the ECFE program and so it isn't offered this fall.

The situation is not unique to this district. "There's just a lack of teachers across the state," she said.

Both Anderson and Kevin Roline, director of the Adventures program, said there's been a jump in enrollment. Anderson said

other area day care operations were closing because of the licensing regulations.

Board member Bryan Winkels said this is a good time to discuss the situation as they decide what services might be offered in a new facility.

Anderson distributed the results of a wage and rate survey for greater Minnesota conducted by the Minnesota Initiative Foundations.

"It's a struggle everywhere," she said, noting the wide range of wages paid and rates charged across the state.

Longbella noted that the issue should go to the finance committee and include Herdegen and interim superintendent Ron Bratlie. The discussion will continue at the board's regular meeting Sept. 17.

Board members Bruce Lund and Mary Freeman reviewed the proposal from the Minnesota School Board Association to aid in the search for a superintendent. The board is expected to accept the contract at their Sept. 17 meeting.

Employee job descriptions need updating, Longbella reported.

At present the district uses the Stanton Study as a guideline for assigning wage grades. Some people feel that, in some instances, the criteria defined when the Stanton Study was established are no longer applicable. With advances in technology and staff reductions, the actual duties have changed.

The board briefly discussed Hays, another salary guideline that seems to be easier to use, but agreed that support staff job descriptions need to be updated before they consider a switch.

The building principals will begin the process to be completed by the end of the school year. More research on Hays will be conducted. Teaching staff operate on a different contract and are not part of the Stanton guidelines.

During the discussion on facilities, Winkels said they were "still trying to move forward with what

we can."

Some facility planning has been slowed because of a dispute with a former consulting firm on the project. That firm has billed the district for work it did for what had been outlined as Phase 2 of the project. The school district contends it paid the consultant for Phase 1 work and never approved this firm to move to Phase 2.

In the meantime the original consultant merged with another company and the district's position is that they do not have any contract with the new firm.

The issue will go to mediation Oct. 4.

Greg Frisk was one of the more vocal opponents to going to mediation when he says the district "didn't do anything wrong." After a closed meeting with Frisk, Freeman, Bratlie and the district's attorney, Frisk reported that "Litigation will cost more money than to pay them to go away."

Once a decision is reached the district can begin work again with an architect.

Winkels said the building steering committee is continuing conversations with the City of Staples and other interested parties about a swimming pool and other possible community fitness center amenities. He also wants to discuss options for the performing arts auditorium.

Presentations have begun to community organizations just updating them on the process so far.

Winkels reiterated the need for a marketing person to assist the district in developing the message to address all demographics in the district.

Bratlie is in the process of putting together a sub-committee to address the needs.



Winning team

The winning team at Lakewood Health System Foundation's 25th Annual Golf Classic was Radius Global Solutions. Team members included, from left, Kurt Fossey, Tom Heiman, Mike Raab and Jerry Ward. (Submitted photo)

Lakewood's Foundation Golf Classic raises \$22,252

The 25th Annual Lakewood Health System Foundation Golf Classic, co-sponsored by Diamond Tournament Sponsors: Nyhus Chevrolet-Buick and First International Bank & Trust of Staples, was held Aug. 23 at The Vintage at Staples with a total of \$22,252 raised for the Reach Out and Read program, Helmets Worth Wearing, and other children's health and wellness programs.

Out of 24 teams, the Radius Global Solutions team handed in the win-

ning scorecard for the 18-hole scramble. Teammates included Mike Raab, Jerry Ward, Tom Hieman and Kurt Fossey. New this year was the tournament's use of the Peoria scoring system, which provides a golf handicap for all teams, to try and create fair play for all.

Hole contest winners for the day included: Samuel Schminski for the men's longest drive; Dr. Sarah Israelson for the women's longest drive; Robbie Gawboy for men's closest to the pin; and Nikki

Biebighauser for women's closest to the pin.

The success of the Lakewood Health System Foundation Golf Classic was made possible by the generosity of the golfers, hole sponsors and donors, as well as the numerous volunteers.

For more information about this and other Lakewood Health System Foundation events, visit www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com or call Jolene Zachman at 218-894-8508.

CLC funded for democracy project

Central Lakes College Student Senate was awarded \$2,000 of seed funding to push forward their voting initiatives during a recent LeadMN Democracy Shark Tank event.

At the event, several campus teams developed ideas and plans to support student voter engagement initiatives during the 2018 election. They pitched those ideas to a panel of "sharks" that invested \$13,000 worth of seed funding to help support campuses' work.

With the funding award, the CLC Student Senate will focus on three main events to help create civically engaged students. These events will focus on nonpartisan activities such as voter registration, voter education and ballot access.

"In the past, the Central Lakes College Student Senate has done a remarkable job of registering our students to vote, but after reviewing our voter data, we see that many of those students did not take the necessary steps to cast a ballot," said Erich Heppner, Director of Student Life at CLC. "We would like to continue to build upon our past success with voter registration, but to also find innovative ways to get students to the polls."

The LeadMN Growing Voters project seeks to make voting habit forming in young people through a long-term approach of civic education, creating civic agency and tearing down institutional barriers that prevent students from voting.



Do you remember these guys?

A reader came across this photo and said it brought back good memories. He sent it to see if anyone else remembers the people and the circumstances. Many of the individuals still live in the area. Bring your answer in to the Staples World office at 224 4th St. NE or email Brenda at info@staplesworld.com. We'll give you a couple of weeks to research. (Submitted photo)

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American Airlines pilot shares memories of 9/11

By Greg Frisk

Last week’s article on 9/11 reminded me that most of you, fortunately, did not personally know anyone who was involved in the tragedy that struck our nation that day. I would like to share my experiences on that day and the several days that followed.

At the time, I was a pilot at American Airlines, based at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport. I was a captain on the 737 and was on a layover in Miami. Ironically, on that Sept. 11, I was on the third day of a three day trip, looking forward to two legs home. I was scheduled to fly from Miami to Boston and then from Boston to Chicago. As you may recall, the American Airlines aircraft that hit the World Trade Center and the Pentagon had both departed from Boston. I was scheduled to have been in the next bank of flights departing Boston that day.

One of the layover hotels that we use in Miami is a beautiful 1920’s era hotel that was quite a hangout for celebrities and athletes in the day. It had been a favorite of Babe Ruth. It was purchased by two Greek brothers and redone to its original splendor. It is on the northern edge of the South Beach area and located right on the Atlantic Ocean. The current owners have leased it out to the airlines and it is almost exclusively a layover for crews from American, United, Tam of Brazil, KLM of Holland and several cargo carriers.

On the morning of Sept. 11, I had gone for a morning run. I was sitting out by the pool as I was quite hot and sweaty and wanted to cool down before I went in to the air conditioned hotel to shower and get ready to go to work. One of the flight attendants on my crew came out and told me that aircraft had hit the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, and that the White House had been evacuated. We didn’t yet know about the United plane in Pennsylvania. Later that day she said to me, “Greg, when I told you that this morning, you didn’t believe me did you?” I told her that it wasn’t that I didn’t believe her, I just couldn’t imagine such a scenario.

Obviously our flight, like hundreds of others, was canceled. I assembled my crew and told them that we would probably be here for a few days. The phone lines were very overburdened and it was difficult to communicate with the company, plus I knew that they had their hands full, but I wanted my crew to know that I would keep them informed and that they would be safe.

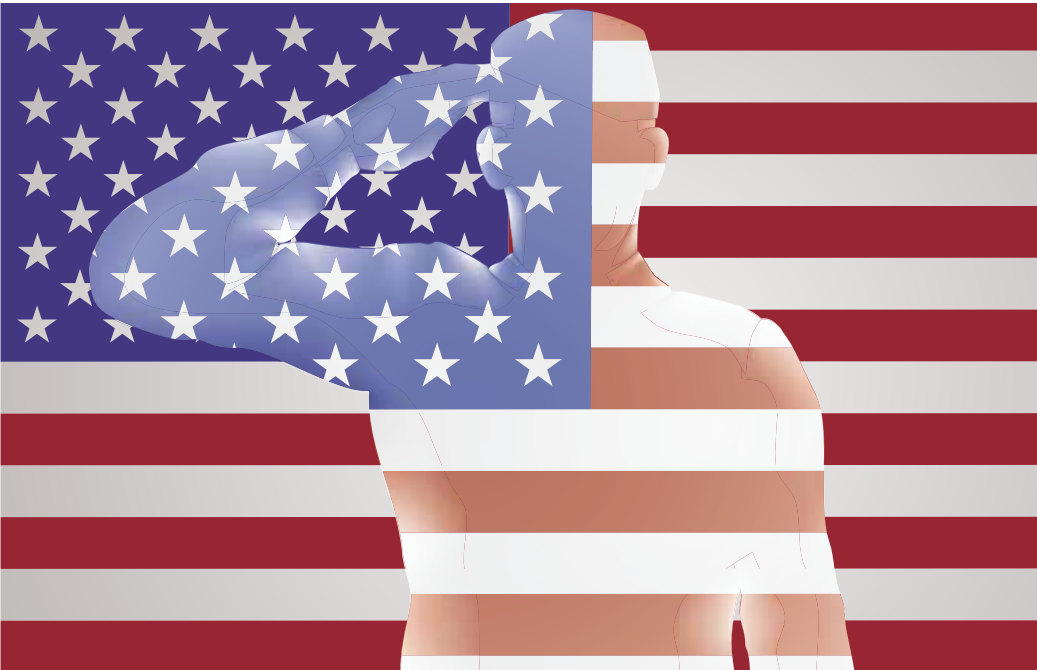
As the day wore on, the hotel quickly filled to max capacity with airline crews. You can imagine that there was much confusion, and even more bad information. This was day one and we didn’t know who had done this or why and we couldn’t have imagined what it would do to our airline, and to us personally, in the days and even years to come.

We were able to find out many things about flights at our airline but when there is an accident or incident that information is immediately removed from the computer, so much of what we knew came from the news media. It was later in the day that I learned that the captain of the flight that hit the Pentagon was Chic Burlingame, a fellow Navy Reservist with whom I had associated over the years. He was a captain in the Navy, a community leader, a patriot, a family man, and like the other pilots who died, could not have comprehended what was about to happen that day as they did what they have done thousands of times before.

The rest of the first day was spent gathering information, dealing with rumors and facing the unknown. I was glad that the hotel catered to airline personnel because I really don’t think I could have been around the public that day.

Somewhere in all of that chaos, I realized that I had not called my wife Sherry, and I can’t tell you what I said to myself because you’re reading this in a public newspaper, but it hit me that she knew I was headed for Boston.

It was comforting to hear her voice and I tried to keep from becoming emotional on the phone, but I assured her and the kids that I was ok and that I loved them very much. I told her I didn’t know when



I would be home and to notify the rest of our family. Later that night, as I was alone in my hotel room for the first time in about 18 hours, I laid down on my bed and cried as hard as I did the night my dad died.

The next several days were filled with uncertainty. We had meetings each morning at 10 a.m. with representatives of American and United Airlines. They were unsure when we would start up our flight schedule again and, as you can imagine, airplanes and crews were grounded literally all over the world. It would be a massive operational endeavor to bring it all back together.

Sept. 11 was on a Tuesday. Thursday evening, I was informed by crew schedules that my crew would fly the first flight from Miami to Chicago. There was no particular reason for that, it was just the luck of the draw. We were to have a noon departure the next day, Friday.

I have always tried to look very professional in my uniform. I have had a lot of practice for it, since starting in the Navy I had been wearing one for nearly 40 years. But for that flight I wanted my shoes to shine more brightly, my pants and shirt to be more sharply creased, my tie to hang perfectly at my belt and my wings to be perfectly positioned on my chest. I was honored to get back in the air. They had not won. Four days after the attack, we were going to get our airline, and our nation, flying again.

Our hotel is located on the beach, not the place you would expect to be able to find an American flag, but I knew I had to try and find one because the need for me to have one on my airplane was overwhelming. I ended up with a large terrycloth beach towel that was a replica of the flag, but it was all I could find, and it was an exact reproduction.

The next morning, Friday, we were taken to the airport by our usual transportation company, but the front of the terminal was blocked off by military personnel so we were dropped off at a side door. When I went to tip the van driver, an elderly black man, he refused to take my money and asked if it would be ok if he hugged me. That was the first of many times that day that I had to swallow hard and blink fast. I really didn’t want to cry in front of my crew, but when I turned to look at them, I found I was a bit late.

Inside the terminal, it was a surreal experience. Miami is a busy international gateway to South America and thousands of passengers pass through there every day. On this day however, the terminal was empty. Each gate we passed had no passengers, no agents, nobody. The information signs still showed flights that were to have departed on Sept. 11, but never did.

When we reached our gate, I was surprised to see passengers. I don’t know how they got there, but they were sitting with their hands folded and looking straight ahead. I could only imagine what they must have been thinking. Where were they supposed to be? What had this done to them? How apprehensive are they to be here?

As you can imagine, we had dozens of procedures that we did not have only

days ago when we landed. We were not familiar with them and neither were our ground crews. We were facing something none of us had ever dealt with, and we had neither the expertise nor the personnel to handle them in a timely manner. I think we were a little more than two hours late departing. Nobody said a word. Had that been a flight in normal times, tempers would flare, voices would raise and the captain would be having a piece of somebody’s behind.

After the passengers were boarded, a full flight of course, I asked the flight attendants to take my flag towel and drape it across the front of the cabin. They did. It went from the forward entrance door to the first class galley, across the cockpit door. We were locked in anyway so it wasn’t as if we were going to knock it down. I was comforted in knowing that when my passengers looked up, they would see the flag of the United States of America.

I knew that I had to make an announcement to the folks in back. I even knew what I wanted to say. I had been thinking about it all morning. My problem was how to maintain the voice of the Marlboro man and not openly weep into my microphone.

I thanked them for being here. I told them that it was an honor to fly them today, and that I was proud of my airline for getting us all back into the air. I told them I knew what they were thinking and that we were thinking that, too, and then I asked for a moment of silence.

At this point, I hoped my first officer couldn’t see the tears that were streaming down my face, but when I glanced over at him all I could see was the back of his head. He had picked a convenient time to decide he needed to look out of the window for a while.

It’s not often that you can taxi right to the runway at a busy airport like Miami, but at the time we were the only airplane moving. There was aluminum tubing

parked on every inch of the airport, but ours was the only one, at that time, going anywhere. I switched to tower frequency and told them I was ready for takeoff. I don’t think they knew how ready.

As I pushed the throttles up, I scanned the engine instruments and felt the familiar rumble of those beautiful GE engines under the wings. Twenty-five seconds down the runway, my first officer called “V1, Rotate” and I gently applied back pressure to the yoke as we lifted into the air. When I called, “Positive rate of climb, gear up” my first officer raised the gear handle, looked over at me and acknowledged my smile with his.

The flight to Chicago was uneventful except for the exchange between us and air traffic control. I have always enjoyed the professional relationship we have, but on that day it really was something quite special. As we crossed the country and were handed off to the various sectors, we heard things like, “American. it’s an honor to work with you today. Welcome back,” and there were a few who told us they were deeply sorry for our loss.

When we touched down in Chicago, even above the sound of those reversing engines, I could hear the applause and cheering from the folks in back. I’d like to think it was because of my greased on landing, but I knew that they, like us, had cleared a hurdle and taken a step toward normalcy in this chaos that we were enduring.

When we made the turn to our gate, the baggage carts were lined up a little neater than usual and I noticed that our twenty or so ground personnel were all standing at attention. There, across the entire cart in front of our aircraft, fully unfurled, was the Flag of The United States of America.

As the plane captain in front of the aircraft signaled me to park the brakes, he too snapped to attention and rendered a military salute. Both I, a Navy pilot, and my first officer, an Air Force pilot, smartly returned the same.

It was late Friday afternoon and I wanted to get home. Our team was playing football that night and my friends and family would all be there. Before I walked out of the terminal at O’Hare, I stopped for a moment and looked at the emptiness. I thought about the people who would never be there again and the people who would be there tomorrow and in the days to come. I thought about myself, and I knew that I was not the same person who had left for work only a few days ago.

Thank you for reading this, for taking the time to remember that day. We honor the firefighters, policemen and first responders, but it seems we forget that the first people to perish that day were the pilots and flight crews of American and United Airlines.

Greg Frisk has retired from American Airlines and now lives in Motley with his wife Sherry.

Letters to the Editor

Cheer for athletes

As the Staples-Motley Cheer coach, and a parent of athletes, I’d like to first of all say Thank You to all who come out to watch our kids play the sports they love. These kids and their coaches work hard and practice every day with the goal to win. With that being said, I’d like to say a few things.

First, our kids LOVE it when we cheer for them! They play harder and sometimes better when they hear the crowd. I’ve personally witnessed this and most of you have, too.

So why is it so hard for our parents and fans alike to cheer our kids on, make some noise and let them hear you?

I stand by the cheerleaders to coach them, give direction and also let them do, for the most part, what they think “will work” to get our crowd and student section going. Most of the time it doesn’t matter what they do, they only get a little part of the crowd to help them out. At the first home football game, I witnessed a great portion of our parent section either on their phones or talking to one another and not paying attention to the game being played by their kids right in front of them.

I’m not saying don’t talk, don’t be on your phones, but what I am saying is, Parents, it really is OK to cheer your kids on. It’s ok to engage in crowd cheers, to shout out your child and it’s ok to make some noise! Really. Your players love to hear the crowd. I promise you they will perform better even if it doesn’t result in a win.

I know there are times when you are texting the score to your spouse/significant other or you are keeping in contact with your other children not at the game. I do the same thing. That’s ok. But please, put your phones down (isn’t this what we tell our children?) and CHEER! Cheer your kids who are on the field. They deserve it! We are there to watch them and cheer them on, so let’s do that.

The last thing I want to say is, it starts with you. The students in the student section see that their parents and others aren’t participating in making noise or doing a crowd cheer so

they see that as not cool. It saddens me to see this. It saddens me to see the cheerleaders do their best to get our crowd going and make noise only to come back and ask me “why even try?”

Our Cheer program has come a long way in the last few years. These girls work so hard and brainstorm everyday to figure out what will “work” to get our crowd going. They get frustrated, they sometimes want to quit, but they don’t. They keep going, they keep trying!

I’m going to close with this.....

With all of our athletes, cheerleaders included, working as hard as they do to perform to their best ability, we owe them an evening of making noise for THEM! Shouting them out. Let’s bring this Cardinal Nation together again and make noise for our kids.

Mary Rychner,
Staples, Minn.

Penny auction success

The Staples Congregational Church would like to thank everyone who donated, bought tickets and participated in our 10th annual penny auction held during Railroad Days. It was a great day and thanks to everyone’s generosity, we were able to donate \$2,484 to Staples and Motley food shelves.

We appreciate all of your interest and support in our penny auction and your commitment to our community.

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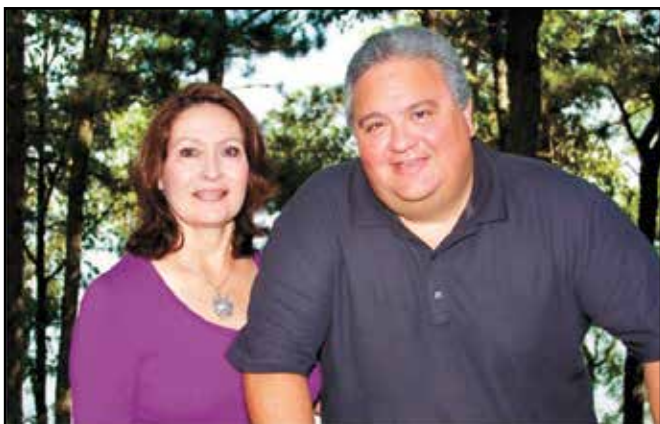
Craig and LaDonna Smith will minister at Staples Alliance Church Sept. 16

Craig and LaDonna Smith will share their story of hope and survival as they speak and sing at Staples Alliance Church on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. The church is located at 1512 8th St. NE in Staples. All are welcome.

For over four decades the Smiths have been bringing the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ to people all across North America and to over a dozen countries worldwide. On one of those trips the lives of this Native American couple almost came to a horrific end.

The Smiths' lives were changed dramatically in June of 2009, when they were involved in a near-fatal auto accident in northern New Mexico. LaDonna suffered a C-1 neck fracture, which in most instances is fatal or results in total paralysis. The fact that she is walking and suffers minor effects is a testament to the miraculous grace and power of God.

Craig suffered multiple injuries that took him right through death's door. After being resuscitated he was airlifted to a Level



Sharing their story of hope

Native American couple Craig and LaDonna Smith of Tribal Rescue Ministries will minister through word and song at Staples Alliance Church on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Submitted photo)

One Trauma Center in Albuquerque, where he clung to life for several months. After being in a coma for almost two months and undergoing 23 surgeries and eleven more outpatient procedures, Craig began a long healing process that continues to this day.

While they continue to heal from their injuries, Craig and LaDonna continue to share the hope that

they have found through their faith. Their remarkable story has impacted many people.

Their mission's mandate, reaching the lost in our tribes and helping everyday believers become everyday spiritual rescuers in their tribes, explains clearly their passion to be both light in a dark world and to help equip others to be a light in the places God

has placed them in.

Craig is an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe Indians in Minnesota and LaDonna is a Navajo from Arizona. Together, they have impacted audiences both large and small with their gospel music and public speaking events. To learn more about their ministry, visit their website at www.tribalrescue.com.

Pastor Bob Hepokoski at Staples Alliance Church shared that, "I first met Craig in 2000 when we were serving as missionaries among the Mapuche people in southern Chile. Craig came as the conference speaker for the leaders of the rural native Christians and made a wonderful connection with them." He went on to say that Craig is a great communicator. "I have heard him speak at national events and he never fails to encourage me - and to make me laugh. He's got a great sense of humor."

The public is invited to this event. For more information, call the church at 218-894-2891.



Medallion Hunt winners

Luke Bates, center, and Andrew Bates, right, were the winners of the 2018 Railroad Days Medallion hunt. They found the medallion in Northern Pacific Park on Aug. 23 after the fourth clue. Terri Kobliska, Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union Staples Branch Manager, presented the \$500 prize to the boys. (Submitted photo)



Local members of Retired Educators Association

The local chapter of REAM (Retired Educators Association of Minnesota) held their fall membership meeting Sept. 10 at the Staples City Hall. REAM is an organization open to all school retirees who receive TRA (Teacher Retirement Association) or PERA (Public Employees Retirement Association). The local chapter supports various causes in the communities and provides a scholarship through Dollars for Scholars to a Staples-Motley senior pursuing an education degree. The group meets four times a year (September, October, April and May), on the first Monday of the month. Don Flaten was elected president at the September meeting. For more information contact Lisa Kajer at

218-894-2906.

In the front row, from left, are Gail Honek, Jan Moore and Pat Held. In the second row, from left, are Judy Droubie, Judy Bjerga, John Moore, Jeanne Rohr, Lisa Kajer and Mary Sperley. In the third row, from left, are Donna Miller, Beth Gedde, Marge Evans, Nancy Johnson, Donalee Butler, Beth Fabian, Janet Anderson, Karen Holmberg, Dave Anderson, Dick Donat, Tom Honek and Sue Flaten. In the back row, from left, are Pat Miller, Dale Hausmann, Jeff Iverson, Judy Wolak, Jerry Reck, Kathy Iverson, Pam Seipkes, Cheryl Koll, Lani Klose, Bob Koll and Don Flaten. (Submitted photo)

Free forest management seminar for landowners

Are you wanting to know more about your woodlands? Do you want to manage your property for wildlife? Are you interested in lower tax rates, conserving your land for the future or improving soil and water quality on your property?

If any of those sound like something you're interested in, come to a meeting designed for landowners to learn what they can do to better their land, hear about possible funding from local, state and federal sources, and ask natural resource professionals questions about managing your property to meet your personal goals and objectives.

Listen to professionals as they explain why private forest management is so important, not only to the landowner, but to thousands of others.

There will be two seminar dates, both running from 6-8:30 p.m.

•Sept. 25, St. Mathias Park, 4548 County Rd. 121, Fort Ripley.

•Sept. 27, Sylvan Town Hall, 12956 24th Ave. SW, Pillager.

If interested in attending this seminar, or for more information, visit www.crowwingswcd.eventbrite.com or by phone at 218-828-6197 to RSVP.

Advocacy training by Hands of Hope

Hands of Hope Resource Center will be offering a 56-hour advocacy training to those interested in volunteering with victim/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and general crime.

This training is scheduled to start in October and is free to anyone who is willing to make at least a one year commitment to our program. After training, you will be qualified to answer and respond to our 24-hour hotline from your own home.

Volunteer advocates provide support and make referrals to those who have been victimized in Morrison and Todd Counties.

If interested in this rewarding volunteer opportunity or for more information, contact Amanda at 320-632-1657.

Todd County Farm Bureau annual harvest banquet Sept. 20

The Todd County Farm Bureau will host their Annual Harvest Banquet, Thursday Sept. 20, at the Clarissa Ballroom.

The keynote speaker at this year's event will be Shegitu Kebede. Originally from Ethiopia and orphaned at a young age, she has known tragedy first hand. As war raged in Ethiopia, Shigita fled to neighboring Kenya where she lived in the unbearable conditions of a refugee camp.

Three and a half years later she immigrated to the United States. She is the founder and CEO of Women at the Well, International. This group is involved

in setting up orphanages and giving people the life skills to lead productive lives in Ethiopia. Shigitu is a true survivor and a woman who is making a difference in the world.

This year is a celebration of 100 years of the Farm Bureau in Todd County and in all of Minnesota. The county Farm Bureaus were started to help educate the rural population about modern farming practices. That remain the goal to this day.

Everyone is invited to come and listen to this dynamic speaker and celebrate the upcoming fall harvest and the Farm Bureau's 100th year.

The evening event will begin with social time at 5:30 p.m. followed by a two-meat buffet served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the keynote presentation at 7:45 p.m.

This is a chance for people throughout the area to get together for a night of entertainment and fellowship with your neighbors and friends. There will be drawings for cash door prizes.

Advance ticket purchases would be much appreciated to assist in accurate meal count. Tickets are available from Roger Dukowitz, 218-296-0530 or Roger Zastrow, 320-732-2364.

Flu clinics in Todd Cty

Todd County Health and Human Services will offer flu clinics in Staples on Thursdays Oct. 4 and Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's Senior Campus, 401 Prairie Ave. NE.

Flu vaccines available include:

• Pediatric, six - 35 months of age

• Quadrivalent, three - 64 years

• High dose, 65 years and older. No flu mist available this year.

Flu clinics will also be offered at other locations in Todd County, including Long Prairie and Eagle Bend. For more information, call 320-732-4500.

Todd County Council on Aging to meet

The Todd County Council on Aging will meet Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Long Prairie Library at 42 3rd St. N., Long Prairie. Note site change.

The speaker will be Mary Rhuda Yapp of Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, sharing information about the eye bank and being a donor. All Lions and their friends and family are invited to attend.

Library staff will also share information about new services. Everyone of

all ages is invited to attend. A question and answer period will be held after the presentation.

Old business will include an update on the Hilltop Regional Kitchen, housing information, outstanding senior volunteers and the state fair trip.

New business includes the Geritol Frolics, a mystery trip, Daytripper's Comedy Dinner Theater trip, Aging with Attitude Conference and Coach purse bingo.

School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include:

• Financial items include approval of financial report and accepting bids for a mini-bus with a lift, two vehicles, two storage sheds and miscellaneous furniture items.

• Personnel items include designating Bonnie Madson as the Official with Authority for the MDE External User Access Recerti-

fication System.

• Other items include approval of a contract with Minnesota School Board Association to assist with a superintendent search and hearing an update on staffing needs at Little Cardinals Academy.

Reports will be heard from the principals, superintendent, SMEA and school board committees.

Mark Your Calendar

September 19

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES MTG., BRAINERD CHAPTER #738 Wed., Sept. 19, Skillet Restaurant, NE Brainerd. Social time, 11:30 a.m.; lunch, noon. Presentation by pharmacists from St. Joseph's Hospital.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Carrie and Tyler Kneisl of Brainerd, a baby girl, Eva Reeves weighing five pounds, nine ounces on August 30, 2018.

Born to Katee Rice and Robert Brogle of Backus, a baby girl, Saylor Rain weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on September 1, 2018.

Born to Ruby and Curtis Aho of Menahga, a baby boy, Josiah Raymond weighing eight pounds, two ounces on September 2, 2018.

Born to Jamie and Alex Corey of Staples, a baby girl, Atlee Faye weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on September 3, 2018.

Born to Quinell Arthur and Ryan Garland of Staples, a baby girl, Umara Moon weighing eight pounds, five ounces on September 3, 2018.

Born to Ariel Waldoch and Kristopher Gould of Brainerd, a baby girl, Lou Anne weighing seven pounds, five ounces on September 4, 2018.

Born to Mary and Dellis Nelson of Brainerd, a baby boy, Dexter Glenn weighing eight pounds, six ounces on September 5, 2018.

Born to Cassidy and Jeremiah Rice of Henning, a baby boy, Langston Praeis weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on September 5, 2018.

Born to Miranda Carpenter and Johnathan Paulson of Wadena, a baby boy, Jameson Joseph weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on September 9, 2018.

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Care Center

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Thurs., Sept. 13, 10 a.m. Wood Carvers (provisional); 2:00 p.m. Food Show, MN Crafts/Justine; 6:15 p.m. 500 Card group

Fri., Sept. 14, 10:00 a.m. Car Show; 1:00 p.m. Street Fair

Sun., Sept. 16, 2:00 p.m. Assembly of God Singers; 7 p.m. Square dancers

Tues., Sept. 18, 2:15 p.m. Church - Lincoln Evangelical; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge; 7 p.m. Round dancers

Weds., Sept. 19, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Trinity Lutheran Ladies

Thurs., Sept 20, 10:00 a.m. Bible study with Pastor Collins; 6:15 p.m. 500 Card Club

Sat., Sept. 22, 10:00 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Mon. Sept 24, 2:30 p.m. Church-Trinity Lutheran

Tues., Sept. 25, 2:15 p.m. Church-Staples Alliance

Weds., Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m. Casino Trip (provisional); 2:00 p.m. Bingo/Marge; 6:15 p.m. 500 Card group

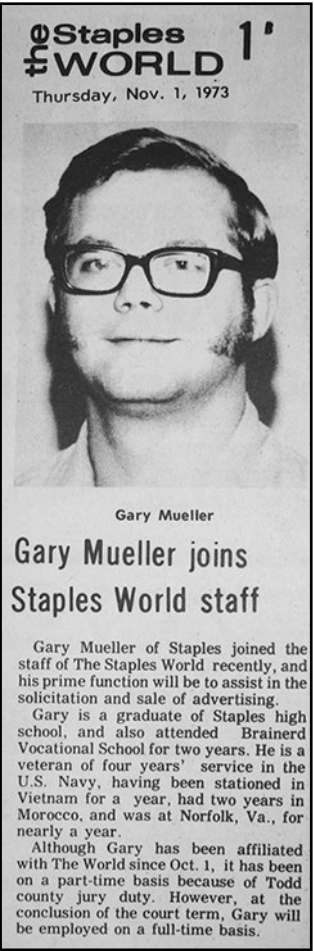
Thurs., Sept. 27, 4:00 p.m. Cheers; 6:15 p.m. 500 Card Club

Sat., Sept. 29, 10:00 a.m. Bingo/Marge



Did somebody say, “Forty-five years?!”

Gary Mueller (far left), Advertising Representative at the Staples World, recently celebrated his 45th anniversary working at the newspaper. He is pictured looking at an article from the 1973 archives about his start at the Staples World over four decades ago. Also pictured, from left, are some of his co-workers, Brenda Halverson, Kathy Odden and Janice Winter. In lower photo is the article from 1973. As he reflected on his career, Gary said he has seen many changes during that time, especially in the area of technology. When he started, the paper was still using letter presses and linotype, transitioning to cold type shortly after. He mastered those skills, but eventually had to learn how to navigate a computer after everything went digital. Calling on customers, however, is a part of his job that has remained constant and the part he enjoys the most. “I’ve always liked working with people,” Gary said recently, going on to mention his appreciation for all who have taken the time to talk with him over the years and advertise in the Staples World. He gets a thrill out of starting from scratch with an idea and helping it come to life in an ad. The community has changed a lot over the years, Gary went on, mentioning that there are fewer retail businesses to call on today. After all of these years, he still enjoys his job at the paper and isn’t planning on retiring quite yet. However, he may take a few days off for opening deer hunting in November. “Congratulations, Gary Mueller, on 45 years of service to the Staples World and the community!” (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



CLC Foundation fall scholarship recipients

The Central Lakes College Foundation recently announced scholarship recipients for fall 2018. More than 350 scholarships were awarded, totaling over \$185,000. A similar amount will be awarded for spring semester.

“We are so fortunate to live in a giving community that prioritizes scholarships for our students,” said Jana Shogren, Director of Resource Development & Central Lakes College Foundation. “We often hear from students that scholarships alleviate stress and make a huge difference in their ability to focus on school. Students also feel so special that someone who doesn’t even know them is willing to invest in their education.”

The CLC Foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Over that time, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$6 million dollars to CLC students through scholarships. To learn more about donating to the CLC Foundation or establishing a scholarship fund of your own, contact Shogren at 218-855-8129.

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Alexandra Benning, Myrtle & Ray Little Scholarship; Isaac Colsen, Clarence & Fran Holden Scholarship; Tyler Davidson, CLC Alumni Scholarship Fund, CLC Information Technology Scholarship Fund, and Ione Johnson Estate Scholarship Fund; Emma Eberhard, Jean Porwoll Fund; Lauren Fleming, Atek Products Fund; Eric Griesert, Staples Student Senate Scholarship Fund, Clarence and Fran

Holden Fund; Sydnie Johnson, Dr. Duane Lund Scholarship Fund, Ione Johnson Estate Scholarship Fund, CLC Student Scholarship Fund, and Jean Porwoll Fund; Claire Mayhew, Wells Fargo Bank MN Scholarship and Myrtle & Ray Little Scholarship; Kaitlin Pachan, Stewart C. Mills Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund and Reese/Webb Family Scholarship Fund; Beth Rahn, CLC Employee Fund; Shelby Smith, Dr. Duane Lund Scholarship Fund and Nisswa Women’s Club Fund; Cassidy White, Brainerd Jaycees Scholarship, Ione Johnson Estate Scholarship Fund, and Jean Porwoll Fund; Mackenzie Zetah, Dr. Duane Lund Scholarship Fund.

Talk on archaeology in Wadena County

Dr. Ed Fleming of the Science Museum of Minnesota will talk about Archaeology in Wadena County on Thursday, Sept. 20 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Wadena County Museum.

He will discuss the results of the survey he and his team conducted this past summer to discover new archaeological sites in Wadena County. This recent survey was to learn more about the history of Wadena County prior to European settlement.

Wadena County already has three significant archaeological sites from the fur trade era. Artifacts from those excavations

will be on display at the Wadena Museum throughout the month. Read more about the fur trade in Wadena County online at www.MNopedia.com.

This program is part of “Minnesota Voices”, a series of free programs from the Wadena County Historical Society, featuring programs with Minnesota writers, artists and scientists. It is held the third Thursday of the month at the Wadena County Museum, located at 603 Jefferson St. N., Wadena.

Contact info: www.WadenaCountyHistory.org; email, 603wchs@arvig.net; phone, 218-631-9079.

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Obituaries

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Marlys Drake

Marlys Rachael Drake, 84, of Staples, died at Lakewood Care Center in Staples on September 9, 2018. She was in Hospice Care to help keep her comfortable due to end stage congestive heart failure.

Services were held Sept. 12 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, with Pastor Carl Larson officiating.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Marlys Rachael (Paulson) Drake was born March 11, 1934 to Emil and Esther (Chilberg) Paulson of Aldrich. She grew up on the farm outside of Aldrich. After graduating from Staples High, she attended Moorhead Teacher’s College and earned her teaching certificate. She taught in one-room schools. She married Vernon Drake in 1957. In 1958, their daughter Ann was born and her job as a mother began. Three boys followed, Paul, Carl and Keith. Through the years she managed to sew thousands of quilt tops for Lutheran World Relief as well as clothes for her family and others. She was active in many church activities while still able; monthly groups that finished quilt tops, card recycling, once was new sales



and kringla for bake sales. Her favorite relaxation activities were jigsaw puzzles, embroidery (most often baptismal napkins) and word finds.

She is survived by one daughter, Ann (Jon) Acord of Rugby, ND; two sons, Paul of Staples and Keith (Vickie) of Clear Lake; three grandchildren, Heather (Richard) Stevens, Ryan and Felicia (Jose Chinas) Drake; three great-grandchildren, Avalyne MaryAnn, Jarrett Vernon and Darrion Drake Stevens.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; infant son, Carl Robert; infant granddaughter, Karen Duncan; one sister, Frances Brouke and brothers-in-law, Gilmore Land and Millard Brouke.

Memorials are preferred to Faith Lutheran Church, Staples.

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Douglas B. Johnson

Douglas B. Johnson, 89, of Staples, passed away September 6, 2018, at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples.

Arrangements are being made with Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.

Interment will be held at Camp Ripley Military Cemetery near Little Falls at a later date.

Doug was born January 21, 1929 to Albert and Luel Johnson in Granite Falls. Doug attended and graduated from Staples High School in 1947. He was very active in sports, excelling in several during his high school and college career. For several years he also enjoyed playing summer league baseball.

He joined the U.S. Air Force upon graduating from St. Olaf College and was stationed in Japan from 1951 to 1955. He taught and coached at Ada High School. During his tenure there, his basketball team reached the Minnesota State High School League State Basketball Tournament.

Doug left Ada to pursue a master’s degree at Augsburg College. After completing his master’s program he resumed his teaching and coaching career at Staples High School in 1966. He married Donna Sussenguth in 1975. They resided at Lake Shamineau before moving to Staples, where Doug taught physical education and health and coached basketball and golf at until 1980. In 1981, he transferred from Staples High School to work as the Adaptive Physical Education Specialist at Freshwater Education District until his retirement in 1986. He enjoyed the lake, golf, crafts and sports.

Doug is survived his wife; one brother, Kenneth of Fort Smith, Arkansas and many nieces and nephews.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be given to your own personal charity.

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Staples Senior Center news and events

Staples has been busy with activity lately. Railroad Days are over and the Senior Citizen’s Board is in the planning stages for our Halloween and Christmas parties.

The board meeting was held Sept. 10 and the birthday/ anniversary party for August and September was held Sept. 11, hosted by Joan Doll.

August birthdays are: Iris Floistad, Aug. 1; Richard Allen, Aug. 4; Marilyn Wilson, Aug. 6; Gail Magnuson, Aug. 8; Linda Owen, Aug. 19; Bernie St. Pierre, Aug. 30.

August anniversaries: Linda and Daniel Owen, Aug. 1; Richard and Leila Allen, Aug. 3; Neil and Arlene Grover, Aug. 12; Jerry and Mary Ann Riewer, Aug. 24.

September birthdays: Doug Grossman, Sept. 12; LaVonne Selleck, Sept. 25; Charlie Crews, Sept. 27; Lois Moe, Sept. 29.

Gary Johnson from the Better Business Bureau spoke recently at the community center about scams and fraud. Card playing clubs at the center include:

500 card club: the first Thursday and third and fourth Mondays of the month at noon at the Staples Community Center.

Whist: noon on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Lunch and penny bingo held every Wednesday at noon. Call ahead for meals at 218-894-2556.

-Submitted by Opal Oldenburg



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Celebrating

GREGOR WEGSCHEID Is turning **80**

Come and celebrate Gregor's 80th birthday: Wegscheid Farm 49447 305th Ave. Staples, MN

SAT, SEPT. 22

1 to 6 p.m.

Cheers to Eighty Years!

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10TH ANNUAL

Fall Dinner

Sunday, Sept. 16

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Hewitt Community Center, Hewitt, MN

BAKE SALE and QUILT RAFFLE

***Freewill offering**

We will be SERVING:

- Meatballs
- Potatoes
- Side Dishes
- Brownies and Ice Cream

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank everyone for being a part of Lydia "Sis" Goodwater's wonderful life.

Our thanks for all the thoughtful prayers and gifts that will be gathered for a memorial in her name at the St. John's Lutheran Church organ fund. She always enjoyed the beautiful music and heavenly voices.

Cliff Goodwater, husband
Nan Miller, daughter

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Public Notices

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday September 27, 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. **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 (30ft. x 24ft.) with a maximum building height of 28ft. instead of the allowed 18ft. Existing foundation is 25ft. from the OHWL. (HOLD-OVER)

2. **Stephen Sr. and Karen Konsor:** E 72 FT of SW4 SW4 & W 25ft of SE4 SW4 S of RD & E of Sliter's Beach in Grey Estate Township

Site Address: 30259 122nd St. PIN: 11-0021700

1) Request reduction for Road ROW setback for the 21' x 8' deck to be 5' on the West side and 9' on the East side instead of the required 20'.

2) Request reduction for Road ROW setback for the 36' x 8' camper to be 13' on the West side and 17' on the East side instead of the required 20.

3. **Michael D. Ames:** Lot 12 Block 1 of Spring Beach in Burnhamville Township

Site Address: 18113 Dunlin Road. PIN: 06-0069700

1) Request to build a 24' x 30' garage 3' from the property line.

4. **Brian Thorson:** SW4 NW4 & S2 NW4 NW4 in Burleene Township

Site Address: 72324 County 71. PIN: 05-0004100

1) Request to use a septic holding tank for a dwelling in AF-1 zoning.

**Adjournment.**  
Next meeting: **October 25, 2018**

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

Todd County Board of Adjustment  
Bill Berscheit, Chair

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**ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #1**  
**Monday, July 23, 2018, 7 p.m.**  
**High School Media Center**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order with Lund, Frisk, Freeman, Longbella and Winkels present (comprising a quorum). Also present was Supt. Bratlie; Staples World Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary Madson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Motion** by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to approve the addition of agenda items #23 and #31b. MC

**Motion** by Lund, seconded by Frisk to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried

**Recognize Public** - Chair Longbella thanked the public for attending.

**School/Community Forum**

a. Mark Anderson - Nature Education Arboretum project.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the consent agenda. MC

**Finance Items**

**Motion** by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to Authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

**Motion** by Lund, sec-

onded by Frisk, to approve the Long Term Facility Maintenance Plan. MC

**Motion** by Frisk, seconded by Freeman, to approve the Teachers On Call proposal. MC

This is a substitute calling system that will save personnel time.

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to approve the Benefits Innovations proposal. MC

**Motion** by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Resolution Reauthorizing a previously Authorized Board Approved Referendum Authority. Voting in favor: Winkels, Longbella, Freeman, Lund, Frisk. MC

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to approve the aptgety contract at \$12,800 for social media. MC

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Purchase Agreement for the Twins City Optical property at \$139,000. MC

**Motion** by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to designate Supt. Bratlie to provide signatures regarding the purchase of the Twin City Optical property on behalf of Staples-Motley. MC

**Motion** by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the 2018-19 insurance policy agreement with Weizenegger Engel at \$145,471. MC

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to

accept the City of Staples offer of \$1.00 for the band shell. MC

**Motion** by Freeman, seconded by Frisk to accept the proposal from Bergen KDV for Business Services. MC

**Curriculum**

**Motion** by Freeman, seconded by Winkels to approve 2018-19 Handbook revisions. MC

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 2018-2019 Chromebook Policy and Usage Handbook. MC

**Motion** by Lund, seconded by Longbella, to approve the 2018-2019 Literacy Plan. MC

**Motion** by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2018-2019 School Meal Prices/Fee Schedule. MC

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to ratify the 2017-2019 Teachers Master Contract. MC

**Personnel**

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to approve the Fall Extra Curricular and Coaching Assignments. MC

**Motion** by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2018-19 contract for Nathan Fischer; MS Sped; at BA +30 MC

**Motion** by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 2018-19 contract for Kesha Holst; MS Social Worker; at MA+15. MC

**Motion** by Winkels, sec-

onded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of Kaycia Ellingsen; School Readiness. MC

**OTHER**

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to grant support of the Staples Area Friends of the Trails. MC

Consideration of the Orchestra Department of the GoFundMe proposal.

Item died for lack of a motion.

**Motion** by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to propose the GoFundMe is run by the Music Boosters or some other organization (other than ISD 2170). MC

**Reports:** School Board and Administration

**Adjournment**

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - #2**  
**Monday, August 6, 2018, 7 p.m.**  
**High School Media Center**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order with Lund, Longbella, Freeman, Winkels, Anderson and Frisk present. Also attending was Supt. Bratlie; Principals Schmidt, Regan and Johnson; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary Madson.

**Motion** by Winkels,

seconded by Anderson, to adopt the agenda. MC

**Superintendent Search Discussion**

Discussion on a timeline. Freeman and Lund will work on a timeline and also look at search firm options.

The goal is to have a new Superintendent in place July 1, 2019.

**Board Discussion**

**Facilities** - Options on

how to proceed were discussed and the Board was brought up to date on FJJ/ICS and WSN, and the timeline of the contracts. FJJ has asked WSN to cease working with our district. The board was in consensus that the project has not moved beyond Phase I which was our initial agreement with FJJ. The district has been advised by our legal service that it is an "implied contract" to move into Phase II. Supt. Bratlie will continue pursuing this.

**Marketing** - The district needs to keep the public informed as we move forward. A full size post card will be distributed at Railroad Days showing the proposed building site/building and promoting the new website.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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Todd County Commissioners

**TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**AUGUST 7, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 7th day of August, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda**

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motions and resolution were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2018 as presented.

To approve the Human Resources Report for Personnel Actions dated August 7, 2018 as on file.

**GAMBLING PERMIT - LONG PRAIRIE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Long Prairie Hockey Association through this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Long Prairie Hockey Association to hold gambling activities at Midway Gas in Round Prairie Township at the address 17908 US 71, Long Prairie, MN effective August 7, 2018 until revoked or otherwise cancelled as provided by law.

**Auditor-Treasurer**

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the July, 2018 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900046 through 900051 in the amount of \$13,189.27, (Manual) 501 through 501 in the amount of \$794.75 and (Regular) 232075 through 232243 in the amount of \$1,380,734.79 for a total of \$1,394,718.81.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 49378 through 49495 in the amount of \$175,565.89.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 514140 through 514182 in the amount of \$67,758.55 and warrants number 703136 through 703240 in the amount of \$90,068.16.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Kircher and Neumann against:

**Resolution Requesting Approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Sale of Tax Forfeited Lands**

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Todd, State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land on the attached list have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale. (Unless otherwise stated.) The Todd

County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that the Soil and Water Conservation Board (of the district in which the land is located) has reviewed the attached land sale list and identified any and all non-forested marginal land and wetland.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby request approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of one tax forfeited parcel highlighted on the attached list.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the appointment of Loren Fellbaum, County Engineer as the member representative to the Facilities Committee for the Public Works facilities.

**Public Works**

The Commissioners applauded Nancy Uhlenkamp for being awarded the 2018 Outstanding Agricultural Inspector of the Year.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve a construction contract with ASTECH Corporation, based on their low bid of \$9,871 for CP 77-18-07 (2018 Lake Wobegon Trail Fog Seal Project).

The County Board received an update and held discussion on the current status of the Expo Building Project.

**Facilities Committee**

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Becker against: To approve the Service Master quote of \$7,451 to clean surface areas in designated rooms of Expo Building.

**County Recorder**

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE OF PLAT CORRECTION in regards to "BLY'S SUB-DIVISION GOVT LOT 1 SEC 9, TOWN 128 RAN. 35".

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann and Becker against:

To authorize the adding of an additional Full Time Deputy Recorder position and to begin the recruitment process for this position.

**Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District**

The following action to approve the Resolution of Support for additional environmental information via land surveys, water surveys, environmental reviews, permits and petitions failed due to lack of motion.

**Sheriff's Office**

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF TODD ON BEHALF OF ITS SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Todd on behalf of its Sheriff's Office desires to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to receive funding to use to implement an adapter to make its records management system compatible with Minnesota National Incident-Based Reporting System requirements for which the Sheriff's Office is eligible.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota as follows:

1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of Todd on behalf of its Sheriff's Office, is hereby approved. A copy of the Joint Powers Agreement is attached to this Resolution and made a part of it.

2. That the Sheriff, Don Asmus, or his successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Sheriff's Office. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the agreement with the State.

To assist the Authorized

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NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES  
CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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

| MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS |                       |                                 |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ansel Township        | Bull Moose Township   | Loon Lake Township              | Salem Township        |
| Backus                | Byron Township        | Meadow Brook Township           | Slater Township       |
| Bardlay Township      | Chickamaw Beach       | Moose Lake Township             | Smoky Hollow Township |
| Becker Township       | Deerfield Township    | Motley-part in Cass County only | Sucker Lakes Unorg.   |
| Bena                  | Federal Dam           | Ottertail Peninsula Township    | Torrey Township       |
| Beulah Township       | Gould Township        | Pine Lake Township              | Thunder Lake Township |
| Birch Lake Township   | Hardwood South Unorg. | Poplar Township                 | Wahnena Unorg.        |
| Blind Lake Township   | Homebrook Township    | Remer                           | Walden Township       |
| Boy Lake Township     | Inquadona Township    | Remer Township                  | Willow River Unorg.   |
| Boy River             | Lima Township         | Rogers Point Unorg.             | Wilson Township       |
| Boy River Township    | Longville             | Rogers Township                 | Winnie Portage Unorg. |

Ballots will be mailed according to the following schedule for the November 6, 2018 State General Election:  
September 26 through October 23, 2018.  
Each voter registered by October 16, 2018 for the Statewide General Election will be mailed a ballot automatically.  
Eligible voters not pre-registered by these dates, or pre-registered voters wishing to receive their ballot at a temporary address, may apply for an absentee ballot.  
Voters may register and apply for an absentee ballot on-line by visiting [mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us](http://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us) or the elections and voting pages of the Cass County website at [www.co.cass.mn.us](http://www.co.cass.mn.us). For paper applications or assistance, call 218-547-7260.  
Ballots may be returned by mail (a postage prepaid return envelope is included when the ballots are mailed), delivered in person by the voter, or delivered by designated agent to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484. Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day in order to be counted. Normal business hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Voters with disabilities and other special needs, either permanent or temporary, may access a voter assist terminal to mark their ballot by bringing their ballot and ballot envelopes to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at the address noted above, or other designated absentee voting locations.  
Officials are also available at these locations to complete the witness requirements for mail ballots. Instructions are included with each ballot. The back of the return envelope must be signed by the voter and witnessed by any the following: anyone registered to vote in Minnesota, including a spouse or relative; a notary public; or a person with the authority to administer oaths.  
Prompt return of voted ballots is encouraged so that any omitted requirements can be corrected in advance of election day. Ballots are processed when received, and voters will be notified if there is a problem. Voters casting a mail ballot may also track their ballot on-line by visiting the website of the Minnesota Secretary of State at [mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us](http://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us).  
In addition to the normal business hours, extended hours for mail ballot voting (for in-person drop off, voter assist terminal access or absentee voting for non-registered voters) are:  
Statewide General Election: Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday, November 5, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, November 6, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
The counting of mail ballots will be completed at the Cass County Courthouse after 8:00 p.m. on the respective election dates.  
Additional information is available by contacting the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN, phone 218-547-7260.

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# Todd County Commissioners Minutes

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Representative with the administration of the agreement, Steve Och, Chief Deputy is appointed as the Authorized Representative designee.

3. That Randy Neumann, the Chairperson for the Todd County Board of Commissioners, and Don Asmus, the Sheriff, are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To allow Sheriff Asmus to purchase three (3) new police vehicles.

## Health & Human Services

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint internal candidate Lisa Grossinger as full-time Child Services Supervisor effective August 8, 2018.

## Administration

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the quote from BHH Partners for Condition Assessment of the Historic Courthouse Rock Wall Project.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Todd County's capital contribution to Counties Providing Technology.

## DDA Human Resources, Inc. - Gary Weiers

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To select Candidate number 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 as finalists for the Coordinator position for interviews.

## Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer

reported that preparations are in order for the upcoming Primary Election on August 14, 2018.

## Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

## Interim Coordinator's Report

The Interim Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress.

## Recess

Chairperson Neumann recessed the meeting until August 21, 2018.

## AUDITORS WARRANTS

| Vendor Name                     | \$ Amount    |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| NORTHERN SALT INC.              | \$102,003.12 |
| RJ CONTRACTING & REMODELING LLC | 2,096.46     |
| TODD TRAILS ASSOC.              | 6,135.85     |
| TRAFFIC MARKING SERVICE INC.    | 119,293.75   |
| TRI CITY PAVING INC.            | 307,907.10   |
| VERIZON                         | 3,365.36     |
| 18 PAYMENTS LESS                |              |
| THAN \$2,000                    | 5,624.98     |
| AM. HERITAGE BANK               | 24,249.49    |
| ANDY'S CHARTER SERVICE LLC      | 2,020.00     |
| BIG SWAN LAKE IMPROV. ASSOCIA   | 6,912.20     |
| CITY OF EAGLE BEND              | 147,058.52   |
| COMPUTER PRO                    | 4,882.00     |

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|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK                  | 6,331.33   |
| KNOW INK                                  | 16,893.50  |
| LAMB LABOR                                |            |
| SERV. INC.                                | 29,004.00  |
| LP OIL COMPANY                            | 4,065.21   |
| LONG PRAIRIE SANI INC                     | 3,191.25   |
| MIN DEPT OF FINANCE                       | 7,083.50   |
| MORRISON COUNTY                           | 26,134.55  |
| PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.                   | 5,151.00   |
| PHEASANTS FOREVER                         | 4,000.00   |
| PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AUTH. | 74,340.00  |
| STEP                                      | 4,266.15   |
| WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC                 | 2,107.50   |
| 26 PAYMENTS LESS                          |            |
| THAN \$2,000                              | 12,398.57  |
| AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK                    | 2,465.52   |
| HEALTH PARTNERS DENTAL                    | 3,298.32   |
| LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY                  | 2,537.13   |
| MILLER BROTHER'S CONSTRUCTION             | 69,362.38  |
| MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT                   | 14,422.45  |
| NORTHERN STAR COOP.                       | 2,492.46   |
| WONDERLICH/SCOTT A.                       | 7,530.25   |
| 43 PAYMENTS LESS                          |            |
| THAN \$2,000                              | 16,902.49  |
| AMERICAN HERITAGE                         | 7,269.27   |
| COUNTRYSIDE REST.                         | 3,522.40   |
| MINNESOTA DEPART. OF HEALTH               | 2,734.00   |
| STAPLES ADVANTAGE                         | 3,445.64   |
| STRUCTURAL SPECIALTIES INC.               | 33,026.06  |
| 31 PAYMENTS LESS                          |            |
| THAN \$2,000                              | 12,236.92  |
| CITY OF EAGLE BEND                        | 130,738.51 |

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|----------------------|----------------|
| MITCH'S FUEL SERVICE | 18,750.00      |
| TRI CITY PAVING INC. | 124,772.83     |
| VOYANT COMM. LLC     | 3,494.47       |
| 18 PAYMENTS LESS     |                |
| THAN \$2,000         | 8,407.57       |
| 1 PAYMENT LESS       |                |
| THAN \$2,000         | 794.75         |
| Total                | \$1,394,718.81 |

## COMMISSIONERS WARRENTS

| Vendor Name                     | \$ Amount    |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| APPLIED CONCEPTS INC.           | \$5,471.00   |
| BIG STONE THERAPIES, INC.       | 2,706.06     |
| CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC.        | 5,228.87     |
| CHAMBERLAIN OIL CO.             | 2,709.05     |
| HANCOCK CONCRETE PRODUCTS CO.   | 7,239.14     |
| JL TRUCKING                     | 4,260.38     |
| LIBERTY TIRE SERVICES LLC.      | 39,220.02    |
| M-R SIGN COMPANY INC            | 2,001.10     |
| MCCC, MI33                      | 5,543.40     |
| MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV. | 5,471.00     |
| PHELAN CPA/FRANCIS              | 2,795.00     |
| TRUENORTH STEEL                 | 29,555.94    |
| TURNKEY/THREE SQUARE MARKET     | 2,928.74     |
| WATCHGUARD VIDEO                | 15,735.00    |
| ZIEGLER INC.                    | 3,437.92     |
| ZUERCHER TECHNOLOGIES LLC       | 8,000.00     |
| 102 PAYMENTS LESS               |              |
| THAN \$2,000                    | 33,263.27    |
| Total                           | \$175,565.89 |

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

| Vendor Name                          | \$ Amount  |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| CARLSON/BARBARA J.                   | \$5,800.00 |
| LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV OF MN - ST PAUL | 6,863.58   |
| MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC.      | 3,835.00   |
| NORTH HOMES CHILD & FAMILY SRVS      | 9,068.36   |
| NORTHERN PINES                       |            |

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|----------------------|-------------|
| MENTAL HLTH CTR.     | 6,450.00    |
| NOTHWOOD CHILD SRVS. | 2,055.83    |
| STP                  | 6,586.48    |
| VILLAGE RANCH INC    | 5,925.50    |
| PAYMENTS LESS        |             |
| THAN \$2,000         | 21,173.80   |
| Total                | \$67,758.55 |

## Vendor Name \$ Amount

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| DHS - CBHH - BEMIDJI - 491        | \$38,090.00 |
| DHS - MSOP- MN SEX OFFENDER PROG. | 5,580.00    |
| DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472          | 6,264.00    |
| DHS - SWIFT                       | 17,180.51   |
| 101 PAYMENTS LESS                 |             |
| THAN \$2,000                      | 22,953.65   |
| TOTAL                             | \$90,068.16 |

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held August 7, 2018 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on August 21, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal:

Randy Neumann,  
Todd County Board  
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County  
Auditor-Treasurer

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# Staples Area Church Directory

## Staples

**Staples Alliance**  
1512 8th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2891  
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson  
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
AWANA ..... 6:15 p.m.

**Assembly of God**  
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-1081  
Pastor Roy Miles  
Discipleship Class ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Prayer ..... 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May  
Sonlight (Kids Program) ..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group ..... 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Trinity Lutheran**  
1000 4th St., NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2372  
Rev. Robin Collins  
Sunday Divine Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Class ..... 10:15 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. Gabriel Walz  
MASS:  
Tuesday ..... 6:30 p.m.,  
Wednesday ..... 8:30 a.m..  
Saturday ..... 7:00 p.m..  
Sunday ..... 10:30 a.m.

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

## Oylen

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

## Pillager

**First Lutheran Church**  
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 Qy 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

**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 (LCMS)**  
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN  
218-924-2028  
Pastor Wayne Hoffer  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Crossword Puzzle

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## CLUES ACROSS

- One-time money in Spain
- "Got \_\_\_ of one"
- Set a framework for
- Cover with drops of water
- One who does something for a living
- Germanium
- An enclosure for confining livestock
- Locks a door
- Buddy
- Supplement with difficulty
- Not moving
- Islamic unit of weight
- Warmers
- Hindu queen
- Border river near Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Analyzed
- Caps
- Pastime

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## Answers

- Contrary belief
- Walking devices
- Accustom to something unpleasant
- Singing methods
- Shouts of farewell
- Hand (Spanish)
- Small constellation
- Cardinals are this
- Gives a hoot
- Chatter incessantly
- Thallium
- Making very hot
- Hours (Spanish)
- Remove completely
- Eyeglasses
- Rubbed clean

## CLUES DOWN

- Blues Traveler frontman
- Found it!
- Killed
- A helper to Santa
- Male fashion accessory
- Autonomic nervous system
- US Attorney General
- Greek sophist
- The world of the dead (Norse myth.)
- Excessive and dangerous dose
- One who receives a legacy
- Brooded
- Hindu warrior king
- Used to anoint
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- Connecting part of the brain stem
- Most uncommon
- Do-nothings
- Emerge
- Neat
- Herb of tropical Asia
- Reviews poorly
- Waterproof over-shoes
- Fireplace floors
- Surround
- Regretted
- One who whips
- Ticket price
- Calming
- Citrus fruit
- Drooped
- An explorer's necessity
- Speak profanely
- Pouch
- A type of date (abbr.)
- Away from
- Large beer
- Once more
- CW188510

# Forgive as We are Forgiven

Pastor Robins Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." -Matthew 6:12

Every year as Labor Day arrives I think of my father. He was killed in a car accident during Labor Day weekend in 1980. He would have turned 62 that week and planned to retire the next Friday. The driver of the other vehicle had been driving while intoxicated, but for reasons I do not understand was never charged.

To say the least this did not make me or anyone else in the family happy, but what was I to do? Simple: FORGIVE.

Not that he asked to be forgiven. And certainly not that he deserved it. But isn't that the point of forgiveness - it's not deserved? That is especially true when God forgives me (or you) - I don't deserve it. He forgives me (and you) not

because I deserve it, but because He chooses to forgive; He forgives because He Himself has atoned for my sin, Jesus Christ, His Son, bearing the punishment I deserve. He's done the same for you.

And because God forgives us our sin, even though we don't deserve it, He would have us forgive those who sin against us. It has nothing to do with their deserving it, nor even that they desire it. It has everything to do with the fact that in Christ God forgives us.

That other driver will likely never know that I have forgiven him, but I pray that He will know God's forgiveness - for all his sin. I pray that you also would know God's forgiveness, and that you learn to Forgive as you are Forgiven.

To God alone be glory. Amen.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

**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

# 22 reasons trees in cities keep us healthy and save us money

By Dan Burden, Blue Zones Director of Innovation and Inspiration  
(This was first published on walkable.org in August 2006 and has been adapted and shortened.)

Street trees are of great value to people living, working, shopping, sharing, walking and motor-ing in and through urban places. For a planting cost of \$250-\$600, including first three years of main-tenance, a single street tree returns over \$90,000 of direct benefits, not includ-ing aesthetic, social and natural, in the lifetime of the tree. Street trees provide so many benefits to the streets they occupy

that they should always be considered as a default urban-area street building feature.

### Why Urban Trees are Smart Investments in Public Health

1. Urban trees reduce traffic speeds and reduce crashes.
2. Trees help create safer visual walls for motorists.



## Downtown Charlie Brown

Trees in downtown Staples are small, sparse and sporadic, often ignored or undervalued, despite studies showing that people will shop more in stores with trees in front of them. With a little love and caring, like the Christmas tree in the Peanuts Christmas cartoon, the Staples downtown could flourish with more trees. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

3. Street trees increase safety with medians. Medians reduce crashes by 50 percent or more.
4. Trees create increased security with more pleasant walking environments.
5. Tree-scaped streets improve business.

Businesses on tree-scaped streets show 12 percent higher income streams, which is often the essential competitive edge needed for main street store success.

6. Trees improve drainage infrastructure.
7. Trees provide rain, sun, heat and skin protection.
8. Cities with trees reduce harm from tailpipe emissions.
9. Urban trees absorb harmful pollution.
10. Trees lower urban air temperatures.



## Frame of trees

Many streets in Staples are lined with trees, such as 6th Street NE. However, many trees are marked for removal and will need to be replaced. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

streets and parking lots are known to increase urban temperatures by three to seven degrees. A properly shaded neighborhood, mostly from urban street trees, can reduce energy bills for a household from 15-35 percent.

11. Streets with trees help lower ozone levels.
12. Trees convert streets, parking and walls into more aesthetically pleasing environments.
13. Urban trees soften and screen necessary street features such as utility poles, light poles and other needed street features.
14. Trees help reduce blood pressure and improve overall emotional and psychological health.
15. Trees make a natural barrier for safety and fun.

University of Wash-ington noted that trees have a calming and healing effect on ADHD adults and teens.

16. Trees help reduce road rage.
17. Street trees can improve visibility of vital traffic signs.
18. Trees add value to adjacent homes, busi-nesses and tax base.
19. Road verges, or tree lawns, provide added

green space for a splash and spray zone, storage of snow, driveway elevation transition and more.

20. Trees act as a filter-ing and screening agent.
21. Trees lengthen pave-ment life.
22. Trees create a con-nection to nature and the human senses.

Urban street trees provide a canopy, root structure and setting for important insect and bac-terial life below the surface and on grass for pets and romantic people to take a pause. They act as essen-tial lofty environments for song birds, seeds, nuts, squirrels and other urban life. Indeed, street trees so well establish natural and comfortable urban life it is unlikely we will ever see any advertisement for any marketed urban product, including cars, to be fea-tured without street trees making the ultimate domi-nant, bold visual statement about place.

FIBER ARTS continued from page 1a

## Trail includes demonstrations and workshops

Randall, Brainerd, Staples, Wadena and New York Mills. The tour takes place Friday and Saturday Sept. 21-22. Hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. both days.

Three regional arts centers are presenting fiber arts exhibits in Brainerd, Little Falls and New York Mills.

The Crossing Arts Alli-

ance's exhibit in Brainerd is called "Art to Wear 2" featuring local textile artists in a showcase of wear-able art using a variety of approaches. The exhibit runs Sept. 7-29, 2018.

Back by popular demand from last year, Great River Arts in Little Falls will have quilts from local Prai-

rie Point Quilt Guild in their front exhibit space. The New York Mills Cultural Center (NYMCC) presents "Ripping the Seams: Unique and Activ-ist Fibre Art" exhibit high-lighting fiber artists on the cutting edge of the fiber art world. NYMCC is hosting a gallery reception on Sat-urday night, Sept. 22 from 5-7 p.m. Bill and Kate Isles

will be in concert capping off a weekend of Weaving Waters activities begin-ning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are required for the concert.

Cherrywood Fabrics in Baxter and The Crossing Arts Alliance in Brainerd are offering workshops this year. See midwestfib-erartstrails.org for a full schedule.

In Randall, The Old Creamery Woolen Mill cel-ebbrates its one-year anni-versary. The woolen mill will host tours at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. The Quilt Shop will offer weaving, spinning, basketry and knitting demos by local makers.

New this year is the Weaving Waters Fiber Arts Trail Fall Tour Passport. Complete the tour and you'll receive a commemo-rative pin and be eligible for bonus prize and grand prize drawings. Passports will be available at each location or download the passport PDF and see the rules on Midwest Fiber Arts Trails website.

See midwestfiberart-strails.org for more details.



## Quilt show, bed turning, mini-classes

The Piecemakers Quilt Club will have a Bed Turning and will offer mini-classes at the Landmark Inn during the Weaving Waters Fiber Arts Trail weekend, Sept. 21 and 22. This event is free to the public. Tickets will also be available for "Duty, Honor and Country," the group's raffle quilt. The raffle quilt was made from the stash of the late Lorna Wiens. For more information contact Lisa Kajer at 218-894-2906. Pic-tured with the quilt "Duty, Honor and Country" are Judy Droubie and Annette Good. (Submitted photo)

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AUCTION

The following items will be sold at auction, located at the Motley Fairgrounds in Motley, MN. Indoors if rain. Follow signs on:

Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018

SALE TIME: NOON

RESTROOMS AVAILABLE

LUNCH ON GROUNDS

**Ron and Char Lage, owners**

As we have sold our home and are moving, we will sell the following items at auction:

**TRACTORS**

1948 B John Deere, #214362, exc. cond., overhauled in 2008, not even 200 hrs.

1948 A John Deere, #611575, Both tractors are parade ready!

**RIDERS/ EQUIP/ TOOLS**

John Deere 125 auto. 42" rider, 2008, 20 hp with bagger

38" Honda HT 3813 2 cyl. liquid cooled 13 hp rider with cab

A snow blower

Pro Tech 10" table saw

Ryobi 9" band saw, like new

Pro Tech 10" miter saw

Long-handled tools

Old wheelbarrow

Pipe wrenches

Pole saw, elec.

100,000 BTU Reddy heater

Camper ext. cord

Old saw blades

Floor jacks

Jack stands

Tool boxes

Buck saws

Scythe

Stools

Chain hoist

Skill saw

Socket set

Log chains

1/2" drill

Sod cutter

Nuts and bolts

Gas cans

Chicken set

**HOUSEHOLD & MISC.**

Computer cabinet

Love seat and chair

Bundy chair

Sewing chair

Writer's desk, old

2 book shelves

Big White cabinet

Many books

Old games and toys

Knick knacks

Chicken set

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# Contract purchasing supports educational and regional programs

The process starts when schools or government offices tell Sourcewell about the products or services they need. Sourcewell then writes up criteria for that category and asks businesses in that field to submit bids.

“We compete as openly as possible, to make sure the marketplace is aware of the bid opportunity,” Schwartz said.

Once the bids are in, Sourcewell has a scoring rubric based on eight categories, with price being weighted the heaviest, but other categories also important. The bids are analyzed by an evaluation team which determines the bid with the best aggregated result. They then bring it to Schwartz to be approved as the bid in that category.

“The key is an absolute competitive process,” said Coauette.

The bidding process is rigid. If a bid comes in just one minute late, or the paperwork isn’t completed, the bid is not accepted. Once a bid is submitted, that is the final input allowed, as Sourcewell does not negotiate the bids.

The bids are put out to the public again every four years, and a different company can win the bid if they put in the offer that scores the highest. The vendors are well aware of the rules, and some of them send a representative to Staples the day before a bid deadline, make sure the bid is in, time stamped and all the paperwork is done, then they stay over night for the bid opening the next day.

The competitive process is getting more competitive. Every time a product is put up for a bid, they receive approximately double the number of bids from the last time. If a bidding category grows too large, with too many varied prod-

ucts, they sometimes have to split the category to become more specific and better fit the needs of the members.

It is a constant process with multiple bids being reviewed, scored and awarded every year.

By sticking to the values of their process, Sourcewell has grown from 27 vendors in 2006/07, to 82 vendors in 2011/12, and now 231 vendors. Sharp copiers reported \$37.1 million in sales through Sourcewell contracts in 2006. The biggest vendor now is CDWG, a technology company, which sold \$437.4 million through Sourcewell contracts last year. Other current top contracts include Staples supply store with \$306 million, and facilities construction company Gordian-eziQC with \$173 million.

The number of vendors and number of contracts sold increases every year. Sourcewell broke the billion dollar threshold in 2013/14, with \$1.24 billion in contracts sold that year. They broke the two billion threshold with \$2.48 billion sold in 2016/17. Sourcewell is awarded a small portion of each purchase. The cooperative grew from 41 employees in 2006, to 50 in 2011, and currently have around 150 total employees, many in the educational and regional support programs that are made possible with the revenue generated by contract purchasing.

According to Schwartz, the key is not to concentrate on the specifics of the bids, but on the people who are administering them.

“We make sure we have great people who care. We empower great people, and trust they will take it on their shoulders,” said Schwartz.

The process is about making both vendors and members happy. Once a

bid is approved, sourcewell helps vendor sales staff understand the system. They also hold their annual H2O conference for vendors. They believe the good will is paying off.

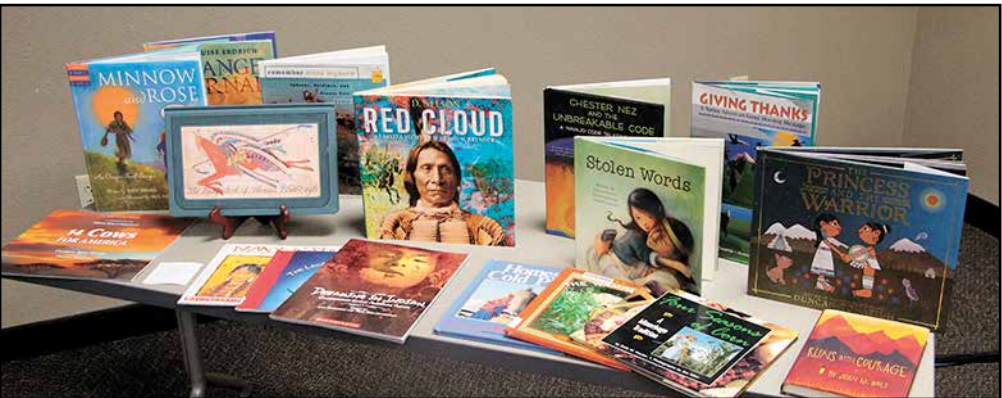
“We hear from vendors that when they work with Sourcewell, it feels different. There is a responsiveness, care, consideration,” said Schwartz. “We want to earn the right to do business with them.”

By making sure they get the best bids in the fairest way possible, Sourcewell tries to earn the right to do business with the schools, cities, states, special districts and non-profits who purchase the products and services.

“The process stands up in the members’ eyes,” said Schwartz. “We work really hard to be transparent.”

Sourcewell’s procurement team greatly increased its efficiency in 2018 with the implementation of DocuSign, an automated document routing software that allows for electronic signatures. The new tool enables all parties to route, review, and sign a document in a single day -- even while out of the office for travel or meetings. The previous paper-dependent process took days and was more prone to human error.

In the last year, Sourcewell also adopted a professional development program calling for all procurement staff to participate in 25 hours of professional development each fiscal year. Staff engaged in courses and trainings focused on best practices, trends, and skills development. They also pursued education that will satisfy the requirements for professional designations such as Certified Professional Contracts Manager (CPCM), Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM), Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB), and Certified Purchasing Professional (CPP).



## Education abundant at Sourcewell

Examples of the many training sessions and seminars happening at Sourcewell each month, photos from the Children’s Literature Workshop and New Teachers Academy, both held in August. Pictured above, Mary Jacobson reads one of the books before facilitating a discussion about what books drew their attention. The workshop also explored setting up author visits and tying reading to writing. Below, New Teachers Academy attendees discuss the profession before the first day of school. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





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## Changing weather, seasons

As the sun was peeking through the clouds after a summer rainfall, some geese flocked up to serve as a reminder that the seasons are about to change, as well as the weather. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



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## Cardinals support their teammates

As Adriana Dickey makes the turn in the 200 individual medley, teammates shout encouragement. From left, Mandy Carter, Brooke Ferdon, Leah Crider, Aften Robinson, Breanna Jasmer, Jayma Lawson, and Evelyn Gonzalez.

## Swimmers working hard

The Staples-Motley girls swimming team hosted Ogilvie-Mora on Sept. 4, and were overwhelmed by a bigger team.

“We have some really great girls that are working hard, but last week was a really tough week to really work on anything due to an extreme shortage of practices, so that made today a bit of a struggle,” said Coach Amanda Olson.

Despite not being able to fill every spot in the lineup, Olson said the team continues to step up to the block and do their best. She also said the team will have some “serious practice time” to continue to im-

prove.

### Team results

Top 3 Finishers Varsity:

The 200 Medley Relay of Adriana Dickey, Aften Robinson, Malaya Reem, and Mandy Carter took 3rd place

Robinson took 3rd in the 200 Freestyle

Dickey took 3rd in the 200 IM

Lili Schneider took 2nd in the 50 Free and was followed closely by Aleeah Halverson for 3rd.

The 200 Free Relay of Schneider, Joelle Bounds, Reem, and Halverson took 2nd place.

Schneider took 2nd in the 100 Breaststroke with a near best.

The 400 Free Relay of Bounds, Dickey, Halverson,

and Schneider took 2nd place.

Top 3 Finishers Junior Varsity:

The 200 Medley Relay Team of Leah Crider, Destiny Dukowitz, Breanna Jasmer, Jayma Lawson took 3rd place.

Malaya Reem won the 50 Free by nearly 3 seconds, and Val Lozano took 3rd.

Gen Groetsch took 2nd in the 50 Butterfly.

Crider had a new best time to take 3rd in the 100 Free.

The 200 Free Relay Team of Crider, Sabina Moe, Destiny Dukowitz, and Jasmer took 2nd

Lozano took 2nd in the 100 Backstroke.

The 400 Free Relay team of Lawson, Olivia Holmberg, Moe, and Mazie Hopp took 3rd place.

## Big wins for tennis team

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team rebounded in a big way after losing to a Park Rapids team made up of mostly seniors. They came back to beat Roseau 4-3 and Parkers Prairie 7-0 on Sept. 7.

“Two great wins for Cardinal tennis,” said Coach Jacque Doll. “They did a great job and I am proud of all of them.”

Against Roseau, it took two first set tiebreakers to tip the edge to Staples-Motley. Jenna Dvorak won her first set with a 7-4 score in the tiebreaker at number three singles, while Ellie DiGiovanni and Torrii Nienow won a first set tiebreaker 7-2 on the way

to their number three doubles win.

“I was very excited to see our girls come ready to play,” said Doll. “They are really starting to apply the things we are working on in practice.”

Lauren Rutten got her first win at number one singles, Nienow and Georgia Kruchten got their first varsity wins, and Haley Cichos remained undefeated at number four singles.

### Team results

**Staples-Motley 1, Parkers Prairie 6**

Lauren Rutten L 6-2, 6-0; Rose Han L 6-1, 6-1; Jenna Dvorak L 7-5, 1-6, 10-5; Haley Cichos W 2-6, 6-1, 6-2

Tasha Achermann/Abby

DiGiovanni L 6-3, 6-4; Tiffany Achermann/Torii Nienow L 6-0, 6-2; Ellie DiGiovanni/Georgia Kruchten L 7-5, 6-1

**Staples-Motley 4, Roseau 3**

Singles: Han L 6-1, 6-3; Rutten W 6-4, 6-4; Dvorak W 7-6 (7-4), 6-1; Cichos W 6-2, 6-3

Doubles: Ta. Achermann/A. DiGiovanni L 6-0, 4-6, 1-6; Kruchten/Ti. Achermann L 6-2, 6-1; E. DiGiovanni/Nienow W 7-6 (7-2), 7-5

**Staples-Motley 7, Parkers Prairie 0**

Singles: Rutten W 6-1, 6-0; Dvorak W 4-6, 6-3, 10-5; Han W 6-3, 6-1; Cichos W 6-2, 6-0

Doubles: A. DiGiovanni/Ta. Achermann W 6-0, 3-6, 6-3; Ti. Achermann/Kruchten W 6-0, 7-5; Nienow/DiGiovanni W 6-0, 6-1

## And the diving champion is...

If you spend time on lakes in the northern part of our state, you're almost certain to encounter the common loon, our state bird. It seems almost an insult to call it “common,” but that's the price some creatures pay for being abundant and having their kind spread over a wide geographic area. It's also due to having similar relatives and the need for multiple names so people can tell them apart. There are five species of loon and the one most familiar to us was the one to draw the short straw and be called “common.”

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*Inside the Outdoors*



Mike Rahn

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Loons are among the birds we call waterfowl, though they are neither ducks nor geese, categories that hunters most readily identify with. Unlike geese and many ducks, which are as at-home on land, feeding in grain fields or on golf courses, as they are on water, loons meet all their life needs on and under the water. You might say they are more “waterfowl” than most.

Besides being one of the most beautiful of birds in their tuxedo-like black and white plumage, loons are

highly efficient food gathering machines; food, more often than not, meaning small fish. Unlike cormorants, which many anglers despise as competitors that deplete stocks of young game fish like walleye fingerlings, loons don't seem to ring alarm bells. The loon's good looks, signature vocal notes, limited numbers and the fact that they don't nest in conspicuous, unsightly colonies, has kept them off the angler's blacklist.

But loons are, nevertheless, highly efficient fishers in their own right. Those who have witnessed their underwater chases report that they can make split-second 180-degree turns, using one foot as a brake while propelling their turn with the other. How low can they go? Loons have been accidentally caught in deep-set commercial fishing nets in the Great Lakes at depths approaching 200 feet.

But the loon's amazing fishing ability comes at a cost. Its maneuverability and speed are achieved with legs set at the very rear of its body, not unlike where the rocket engine is located on a missile. While it's great for propulsion under water, this makes the loon among the clumsiest of waterfowl on land, which is why their nests are always located at, or near, the water's edge.

Loons and cormorants are not the only birds that make a living feeding underwater. With the duck season less than two weeks

away, some of the other species that hunters will pursue also do their dining under the surface of lakes and marshes. While mallards, teal and pintails, among others, feed on vegetation at or just under the surface or even in crop fields, a similar number of duck species dive underwater to dine.

Before the dive, these ducks compress their feathers to squeeze out air and decrease buoyancy, arch their bodies upward and enter the water in a manner not so unlike a human diver. Some use both feet and wings to propel them underwater. Those that feed on stationary underwater life, like plants and clams, are likely to resurface near where their dive began. Those that pursue active prey like fish are more likely to pop up in a new location.

Even among the diving duck species there are major differences, many adaptations and foraging styles. One group, called pochards, includes such species as canvasbacks and bluebills, which typically dive to depths up to 10 feet or so to feed on submerged vegetation, aquatic insects or mollusks.

So-called “sea ducks” go deeper. These include goldeneyes, buffleheads and mergansers, all of which migrate through Minnesota. Others, like eiders, scoters and long-tailed ducks, are more truly ocean-going, or coastal, and more deserving of the name. Some use the Great Lakes

## Comeback win sparks volleyball team

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

In the crucial third set of the Staples-Motley volleyball game against Bertha-Hewitt on Sept. 4, the Cardinals started out flat and found themselves down 20-9. The two teams had split the first two sets, so this would be big for the three they needed to win.

Aubrey Brandt led a furious rally, serving eight straight points to cut the deficit to 17-20. Brandt's run included two aces and her other serves kept the opponents off balance, allowing the team to be aggressive in the comeback.

Kiera Dumpprope got the ball back with an ace tip and then served three straight points to give the Cardinals their first lead of the set, two of them on spikes by Tabettha Allen. Kiara Storry scored one more kill before Staples-Motley got the win 25-23.

“To come back and win from an 11 point deficit was exciting to see,” said Coach Gretchen Bestland. “We are seeing improvement in the team's ability to continue to fight through each set even when they get behind, which is something this program has struggled with in the past.”

In the first set, neither team got ahead by more than three points, and Staples-Motley ended up on the short end, 23-25.

In set two, the Cardinals led the entire way and every time they were threatened, a new player stepped up to stop the run. Storry had two early kills, Heidi Lombard made diving saves on three straight points and dug up a hard spike, all on points won by Staples-Motley. Tabettha Allen had two big kills in the middle of the set.

The third set appeared to take the wind out of Bertha-Hewitt's sails and the Cardinals stayed strong and steadily pulled away in the fourth set to take the match.

“It was great to get the win at our home opener,” said Bestland.

### Team results

Staples-Motley v. Bertha-Hewitt

W 23-25, 25-18, 25-23, 25-16

Kiara Storry: Ace Serves-1, digs-20, assists-1, Kills-8

Aubrey Brandt: Ace



## Flying high, hitting hard

Aubrey Brandt's jump serve produced five aces in the game. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

serves-5, digs-18, kills-5

Alix Peterson: digs-7, kills-3

Mackenna Bjerga: Ace serve-1, digs-9, set assists-27, kills-1

Bella Martin: Ace serves-2, digs-15

Tabetha Allen: Ace serve-1, digs-2, assists-1, kills-11

Kiera Dumpprope: Ace serves-1, digs-8, assists-1, kills-4, blocks-2

Heidi Lombard: digs-44, assists-1, kills-2



## Hustle play

Kiera Dumpprope dives to dig a ball. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## Offense slowed in football loss

The Staples-Motley football team struggled offensively in a 20-0 loss at Crookston on Sept. 7. The Cardinals gave up one touchdown in each of the first three quarters for the only scoring of the game.

Offensively, Cade Schmidt averaged more than four yards per carry, but since quarterback sacks are counted as negative rushing yards, the team total was only four yards for the game. Quarterback Josh Lombard completed five of 12 passes for 37 yards, but the offensive total wasn't enough to generate many scoring threats.

The team had some good defensive plays, stopping Crookston three times on

fourth down. Defensive highlights also included two tackles for loss by Alex Giza and one for Ryan Wick, while Chase Davis had an interception

### Team results

**Staples-Motley 0, Crookston 20**

Rushing yards: Cade Schmidt 13 carries, 54 yards; Logen Weite 5-14, Josh Lombard 7-(41)

Passing: Lombard 5-12, 37 yards, 2 int.

Receiving: Jordon Carlson 3-30, Chase Davis 1-7, Schmidt 1-0

Tackling: Schmidt 12, Weite 9, Alex Giza 6, Isaac Kronenberg 4, Derek Kennedy 4, Scout Strickland 4, Blaine Dumpprope 4, Carlson 2, Ryan Wick 3, Charles Woodwick 1, Finn Erholtz 1, Izaiah DeMars 1, Davis 1, Connor Fox 1



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Staples World is

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# CC teams post wins

The Staples-Motley girls and boys cross country teams raced far ahead of the competition at the Wadena-Deer Creek Invitational on Sept. 6.

Both teams had five runners in the top ten, assuring a team victory. Individually, Kira Sweeney and Emmet Anderson both won their race going away.

“We did all right coming off of a tough workout 36 hours prior to the race,” said Coach Bruce Fuhrman.

**Team results**  
**Girls results**  
Staples-Motley 21, Little Falls 78, Wadena-Deer Creek 79, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 160

Varsity: 1. Kira Sweeney 20:24, 3. Kyanna Burton 21:18, 4. Addison Lorber 22:00, 5. Ashley Robben 22:01, 8. Addisyn Cichos 22:32, 34. Abby Brown 25:39, 39. Madysen Hull 26:11

Junior Varsity: 10. Mackenzie Wilds 26:27, 13. Kaitlyn Smith 28:04, 15. Jorie Ihme 29:25

**Boys results**  
Staples-Motley 27, Wadena-Deer Creek 77, Ottertail Central 79, Little Falls 121, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 142, Park Rapids 177, Brandon/Evansville 222, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 249, New York Mills 251, Border West 278

Varsity: 1. Emmet Anderson 16:54, 2. Hunter Klimek 17:22, 5. Ben Bartczak 18:11, 9. Tanner Robben 18:22, 10. Bentley Christensen 18:31, 15. Jack Tyrrell 18:49, 18. Luke Brownell 19:05

Junior varsity: 1. Brayden Christensen 18:54, 2. Isaac Christoffersen 19:11, 3. Austin Johnson 19:13, 5. Sam Jennissen 19:57, 8. Issiah Tabbatt 20:27, 9. Jacob Schmitz 20:31, 10. Grant Johnson 20:38, 16. Connor Judd 23:51, 21. Jonah Johnson 26:15

Jr. high (3,200M): 15. Logan Robben 13:34, 18. Dillan Robben 13:41, 25. William Dolezal 14:00



Volleyball action

Left, Kiara Storry calls out that she's got this one. Above, Heidi Lombard hits the floor to scoop up a hard serve. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

| Staples-Motley Fall Sports Schedules |                       |                 | 2018-2019 School Year |                       |             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| FOOTBALL                             |                       |                 | VOLLEYBALL            |                       |             |
| Sept. 7                              | Crookston             | A               | Sept. 4               | Bertha-Hewitt         | H           |
| Sept. 14                             | Long Prairie/GE       | H               | Sept. 11              | Sebekka               | H           |
| Sept. 21                             | OTC@Battle Lk         | A               | Sept. 13              | Bagley                | H           |
| Sept. 28                             | UNC                   | H               | Sept. 15              | Tournament            | H           |
| HOMECOMING                           |                       |                 | Sept. 20              | Pequot Lakes          | H           |
| Oct. 5                               | West Central Area     | A               | Sept. 22              | Tourney@Walker        | A           |
| Oct. 12                              | Wadena-DC             | H               | Sept. 24              | Crosby-Ironton        | H           |
| Oct. 17                              | Pillager              | A               | Sept. 25              | Pillager              | A           |
| Oct. 23                              | Section               | TBD             | Sept. 27              | Park Rapids Area      | A           |
| Oct. 27                              | Section               | TBD             | Sept. 29              | Tourney@LP/GE         | A           |
| Nov. 2                               | Section               | Fargo           | Oct. 1                | New York Mills        | H           |
| Nov. 10                              | State                 | TBD             | Oct. 2                | Verndale              | A           |
| Nov. 17                              | State                 | US BANK Stadium | Oct. 4                | Detroit Lakes         | A           |
| Nov. 24                              | State Prep            | US BANK Stadium | Oct. 6                | Tourney@LP/GE         | A           |
| GIRLS TENNIS                         |                       |                 | Oct. 9                | Pelican Rapids        | H           |
| Sept. 6                              | Park Rapids           | A               | Oct. 11               | Aitkin                | H           |
| Sept. 7                              | Triangular            | H               | Oct. 15               | Menahga               | A           |
| Sept. 11                             | Quad@Brainerd         | A               | Oct. 18               | Tourn.@Upsala         | A           |
| Sept. 13                             | Pequot Lakes          | H               | Oct. 25               | Section               | TBD         |
| Sept. 15                             | MidState Conf.        | H               | Oct. 26               | Section               | TBD         |
| Sept. 18                             | Triangular@WDCA       | A               | Nov. 3                | Section               | TBD         |
| Sept. 22                             | Invite @ Litchfield   | A               | Nov. 8                | State                 | TBD         |
| Sept. 25                             | Triangular@LP         | A               | Nov. 10               | Section               | TBD         |
| Sept. 27                             | Game@BBE              | A               | Nov. 11               | Section               | TBD         |
| Oct. 1                               | Perham                | A               | Oct. 13               | Section               | TBD         |
| Oct. 2                               | Minnewaska            | H               | Oct. 23               | State                 | Reed-Sweatt |
| Oct. 11                              | Section               | TBD             | Oct. 26               | Family Tennis Center  |             |
| CROSS COUNTRY                        |                       |                 | Sept. 4               | Wadena-DC             | A           |
| Sept. 10                             | Invite/LP             | A               | Sept. 13              | Invite@NLS            | A           |
| Sept. 18                             | Bagley                | A               | Sept. 29              | @UofM                 | A           |
| Oct. 4                               | Perham                | A               | Oct. 9                | Mid State Conf.       | H           |
| Oct. 15                              | Headwaters Cntry      | A               | Oct. 25               | Section/NLS           | A           |
| Nov. 3                               | State@St. Olaf        | A               |                       |                       |             |
| GIRLS SWIMMING                       |                       |                 | Sept. 4               | Ogilvie               | H           |
| Sept. 13                             | Minnewaska            | A               | Sept. 15              | Invite/PR             | A           |
| Sept. 18                             | Fosston               | H               | Sept. 27              | Holdingford           | A           |
| Oct. 2                               | St. Cloud Apollo      | A               | Oct. 6                | Invite/Fosston        | A           |
| Oct. 9                               | Fosston               | A               | Oct. 11               | Detroit Lakes         | A           |
| Oct. 12                              | True Team/Sartell     | A               | Oct. 13               | True Team/Sartell     | A           |
| Oct. 15                              | Forestview            | H               | Oct. 16               | Forestview            | H           |
| Oct. 22                              | Perham                | H               | Oct. 26               | Mid State Conf/PR     | A           |
| Nov. 8                               | Section UofM, Sartell | A               | Nov. 10               | Section UofM, Sartell | A           |
| Nov. 14                              | State UofM            | A               | Nov. 16               | Aquatic Center        |             |

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## Motley business owners hoping for lower taxes

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

Concerns about possible higher taxes in 2019 were voiced during the Motley City Council's regular meeting Sept. 10.

Ervin Bjerga, Motley, was on the agenda to request that the council consider a maximum tax increase of two percent next year. He also advocated that the police department budget for one full-time officer and one part-time officer, to cut costs.

Bjerga noted that he had read in the paper that the council (at their budget meeting in August) had considered a 10-percent levy increase for 2019. Plans to hire an additional police officer were also discussed.

Bjerga said that he proceeded to stop by 27 businesses in Motley to ask what they thought of a 10 percent levy increase. Twenty-six were opposed to it, he said. The business owners also indicated they would be satisfied with having one full-time and one part-time officer in the police department.

Council member Pat O'Regan reminded Bjerga that in terms of the 2019 levy, nothing has been voted on. The potential 10-percent levy increase had only been discussed at the council's meeting, as they worked to reduce the preliminary budget and levy. He also mentioned that in the past, the newspaper did not attend budget meetings, so this sort of preliminary information was not published.

Bjerga said that he wanted to make sure the council had input from the local businesses before they adopted their 2019 levy.

Regarding Bjerga's questions about the police department's budget, Mayor Al Yoder said that the council had approved having a full-time officer in 2018. City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja said she would provide Bjerga with numbers pertaining to the proposed 2019 police department budget.

During the course of their regular meeting, the council set a workshop to discuss the preliminary 2019 budget and levy for

Monday, Sept. 17, at 5 p.m. A special meeting will follow at 6 p.m., at which time it will likely be adopted. The Truth in Taxation public hearing to discuss the final 2019 budget and levy was scheduled for Monday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m., prior to the regular council meeting. The final budget and levy may be approved during the regular council meeting later that evening.

In other matters the council:

- HEARD from Ronald Bratlie, Staples-Motley School District Superintendent, who shared information regarding the district's 'Build 2170' project. The plan is to remodel the existing elementary school located in Staples and to build a new 187,000 sq. ft. addition that will provide the district with a preK-12 school building. This building will also be community-focused.

- Bratlie provided handouts that explained how Build 2170 came about and what steps have been taken to this point. He noted that the current buildings are outdated and costs to update would be considerable. A new building is needed to stay competitive with other districts, especially because of open enrollment. The entire project is estimated to cost \$60,000,000 and the tax impact would be approximately \$377 a year for residents in the district. Bratlie said the school district is seeking to improve their communication with the community. Up to date information is available at the district website, [www.isd2170.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd2170.k12.mn.us), on Facebook, at the Staples World and by speaking with school board members and the administration.

- APPROVED donating \$654 to Hilltop Regional Kitchen in Eagle Bend, whose mission is to provide nutritious meals and social support for Minnesota's central region. They serve a number of communities, including Motley.

- APPROVED the fire department's request to accept the DNR Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant and to match \$2,567 in available funds for new equipment.

- APPROVED Police

Chief Jason Borash's request to attend a free mandated training Sept. 26, at Sourcewell in Staples.

- APPROVED the 2018-2019 School Resource Officer Agreement between the City of Motley and Staples-Motley ISD #2170.

- APPROVED having Chief Borash attend a background investigation report course. The cost is \$200 and will enable Borash to conduct background checks in the future. The council also approved covering the chief's mileage, since he will be driving his personal vehicle to attend the training.

- APPROVED purchasing six new tires for the one ton truck at a cost of \$882, which includes installation.

- APPROVED installing a wireless internet service in Converse Park at a one-time cost of \$1,100.00 APPROVED purchasing a new 2" trash pump for the wastewater treatment plant at a cost not to exceed \$400.

- APPROVED the contract renewal between the City of Motley and Motley Township for road plowing and salting services from Oct. 28, 2018 - Oct. 28, 2021.

- APPROVED a motion to sell surplus property that the city has accumulated, including desks and office furniture.

- APPROVED Smieja's request to attend an MC-FOA (Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association) regional meeting in Alexandria Sept. 13. The cost is \$10.

- APPROVED having council and staff attend upcoming trainings/conferences at Sourcewell in Staples.

- APPROVED an ordinance amendment providing for the compensation of city officials. Per the ordinance, beginning in 2019, the mayor will be paid \$220 per month and council members \$180 per month.

- APPROVED an ordinance amending the language pertaining to business regulations and Chapter 112 liquor regulations.

- APPROVED a motion to not charge an additional license fee for a Sunday liquor license.

- APPROVED H&R Ten-Hi's application for a Sunday liquor license.

- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.



## New sign, benches, at Converse Park



the City of Motley put cement down at the base of the new permanent park benches. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

A new granite sign and three new park benches were recently installed at Converse Park in Motley. Brichacek Stone in Motley donated the stone slab, Tad Carlson with River Rock Blasting did the engraving; and the project was made possible thanks to a grant from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation. Pictured in top photo, from left, are Eric Brichacek of Brichacek Masonry, Russ Collison from Motley; Dustin Lemke with Worms Read! Mix in Long Prairie; and Eric's sons Asher and Owen, ages seven and 11 respectively. In center photo, Eric Brichacek puts some finishing touches on the base of the sign while Asher and Owen stand by. In lower photo, Bryan Stevens (right) Maintenance Assistant; and Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director for

## Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Sept. 2 - The MPD received a complaint of several ATV's that travel down Norway Lane in Motley at a high rate of speed. Complainant stated that she is concerned for her children's safety if they happen to run out into the road.

Sept. 1 - The MPD received a call from a woman

who stated she had 11 pot-bellied pigs (four adult and seven small pigs) at her residence inside the city limits of Motley, which belong to another individual. According to the report, the owner of the pigs had been advised last May by the Police Chief that he could not have them in town. The woman stated that she told the male party that the pigs had to be removed the next day or she would get rid of them for him. The MPD spoke with the owner

of the pigs, who admitted that the pigs were his but he hasn't had enough time to find a home for them yet. He was advised that the pigs needed to be moved out of the city limits by the next day. As of Sept. 5, the pigs had still not been removed from the residence. The owner said he has not been feeling well. The MPD also spoke with the woman whose residence the pigs are currently living at and advised her as well that the pigs need to be removed or she would be cited as well for allowing the public nuisance.

Aug. 30 - Sept. 1 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Alexander Japko, 26; Mark Heiberg, 45; Kelli Lish, 47.

Sept. 1 - The MPD arrested Lisa Carlstrom, 27, for possession of marijuana in her vehicle. Carlstrom had initially been stopped for speeding on Hwy 10 in Motley.

Aug. 30 - The MPD issued a citation to Nola Schultz, 56, for failing to signal.

Sept. 5 - The MCSO received a report of two individuals laying by a grave in the grave yard at the 31000 block of Ogema Point Dr. in Cushing. The responding deputy proceeded to wake the individuals who were sleeping. They advised they had come to visit their deceased friend and then took a nap. Neither party had a valid MN license and a third party was called to come and pick them up. The deputy also advised they needed to clean up their garbage around the site.

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