

School board questions community center contract

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board discussed renegotiating their contract with the Staples Community Center. At a school board work session on Aug. 5, the board reviewed a contract offered by the City of Staples that would charge \$80,387 for 2019-20 and a 1.5 percent increase for 2020-21, to \$81,584.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said he thought that amount was too high and said he would like the contract to be more clear on what activities are school district related and what is

outside the school district.

Board member Mary Freeman said in the original agreement with the community center, the school and city agreed to work together to subsidize operation costs. "It doesn't reflect usage, it is subsidizing operations," she said.

Freeman said the last time the school negotiated a contract for community center usage, it always came back to that original agreement.

Board member Brad Anderson advocated for a contract solely based on the hours that the school uses the building.

"Times have changed, financing has changed, the age of the building has changed," said Anderson.

A new portion of the contract offered by the city has extra costs for activities outside the normal community center hours. Tappe said an example is sometimes the swim team practices early in the morning.

The contract also states the school must provide a licensed lifeguard when using the pool. Staples-Motley Elementary Principal Kathy Johnson said the physical education teacher who brings the students for swimming lessons has lifeguard certification. High School Principal Mike Schmidt said students who are certified lifeguards adjust their schedules to supervise when the adapted physical education program goes to the pool.

Another new provision in the contract is to inform the community center of event scheduling or cancellations at least 48 hours in advance. Tappe said with

Minnesota weather, that will not always be possible. Schmidt said on some days they don't know if the adapted class will go to the pool until that morning, depending on the availability of paraprofessionals.

Tappe said he would look at the contract again. "I have a pretty good idea of where we want to go," he said, at the end of the discussion.

School resource officer

The board discussed hiring a full time school resource officer. Currently the school contracts with the City of Staples to pay 30 percent of one officer's salary. In the past they also contracted with the Motley Police Department, but the middle school classes will be moved to Staples this year.

Tappe said services to the elementary school have been limited and much of the time is spent on "damage control or situations where law enforcement would respond anyway," said Tappe.

Some nearby schools do have a full time officer. "They spend time doing character and culture things in their classroom," said Tappe. The officer also comes to dances, homecoming and other large events. "They build relationships, build trust," said Tappe.

Schmidt said the school is already making the position less reactive to crises, as the officer works with social workers and child protection. "Most is investigative, working with families and their needs. It is school related, but it isn't visible," said Schmidt.

The board asked Tappe to look into hiring a full

time school resource officer, possibly to start Jan. 1.

On another personnel issue, Tappe said the school is having trouble finding a qualified school district nurse, which is a full time position.

Communications/marketing

The board discussed adding a communications/marketing position for the school. Tappe said the school has had different models of this position in the past, but there is nothing in place right now.

Board member Chad Longbella said it is an important position. Board member Bruce Lund said the position is needed but needs to be defined.

Board member Bryan Winkels said "If effective the position should pay for itself as we gain students."

Tappe said the position should be more than just writing stories about the school, it is to push information out, follow through and recirculate through many different mediums.

"It takes a village and community to support a school. We need to engage the community in the process and having a commu-

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Trying the old time flint

Cousins Hunter Scribner and Jeff Scribner, Jr. try their skills at firestarting with help from rendezvousers in front of one of the many traditional encampments at the Old Wadena Rendezvous held August 10-11.

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 14	72°	52°	P. Cloudy
Aug. 15	75	57	Cloudy
Aug. 16	77	60	Sunny
Aug. 17	79	58	P. Cloudy
Aug. 18	77	55	M. Cloudy
Aug. 19	78	55	P. Cloudy
Aug. 20	78	56	Sunny

Last Year, 2018

	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 14	73°	54°	Cloudy
Aug. 15	75	56	Sunny
Aug. 16	81	58	Sunny
Aug. 17	80	57	Cloudy
Aug. 18	77	60	P. Cloudy
Aug. 19	82	64	Sunny
Aug. 20	75	56	Rain

Average Temp.:
H = 78° Low = 63°

Total Rain
Last 7 days: .45"
2019: 15.10"

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Public Notices

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Obituaries

Jean Chaffin
Leona Heinecke
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John Martin



Local talent on stage at Little Red Caboose show

The seventh year of the Little Red Caboose Variety Show will be held in 2019 and this year's lineup offers a unique mix of past favorites and first-time performers. The Master of Ceremonies this year is Gary Schimpp, who is not only a polished showman, but he and his wife Carmen are also accomplished recording artists who will also be performing again this year. The show is 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Centennial Auditorium located in the Staples Motley High School.

The Staples Area Men's Chorus will again perform as will Eric Neznik, another recording artist from Staples with deep roots in country music. The show will feature an award-winning dance team, an award-winning speech team and an award-winning singer who will be performing for the first time at the variety show. You have to come just to find out who these performers are.

A new local Little Moran River Band will again dazzle the audience with some rock and roll classics and Jesse Young, a fine guitar player, and friends from the Little Falls area, will perform some original music that will be featured on Lakeland PBS this fall. Two new young singers to the show will be Braydon Smith singing "Can't Help Falling in Love", and Jack Tyrrell singing and playing the piano in Billy Joel's famous song "Piano Man". The show will also feature a number of veteran per-



Emcee

Gary Schimpp of Staples will serve as the emcee at this year's Little Red Caboose Variety Show. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

formers like Julie Peterson, Jamie Carlson, and Lauren Rutten, and Trisha Larson and John Wolak.

The variety show is again sponsored by the Staples Motley Community Foundation and Lakeland PBS. All proceeds, after expenses, are invested back into the Staples and Motley communities through the foundation.

Advanced tickets for the show are adults \$10, children 12 and under \$6. At the door; adults \$12 and children 12 and under \$8. Advanced tickets are available until noon, Aug. 22, at the Staples Dairy Queen, First International Bank, True Value Hardware, Longbella Drug and the Staples World newspaper. Advance ticket sales will close at noon on Aug. 22.



Sons and Daughters of Anders

The Sons and Daughters of Anders performed Saturday at Old Wadena Park with traditional Scandinavian folk music. They have performed at the Nisswa-stämman and this year made a welcome

performance at the Rendezvous FolkLife Fest on August 10. See more Rendezvous photos on page 9a. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

Blest be the ties that bind

College friends remain close after 50-plus years

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Back when they were students at Concordia College in Moorhead, they were often called, 'The Silly Seven,' Mary Sperley said recently, introducing her longtime friends that had traveled to Staples from various locations for their annual reunion.

They've tried to reconnect at least once a year since graduating from their alma mater in the early 1960s. Half of them graduated in 1962, and half in 1963, Mary said.

Since that time they've kept in touch through letters, cards, phone calls and in recent years, Facebook. They've been a part of each others' weddings and a few

other major family events; and been a source of support to one another despite the miles that separate them.

"Blest be the ties that bind," Mary said, noting their rich history that includes a shared faith, love of music, laughter and stories collected during

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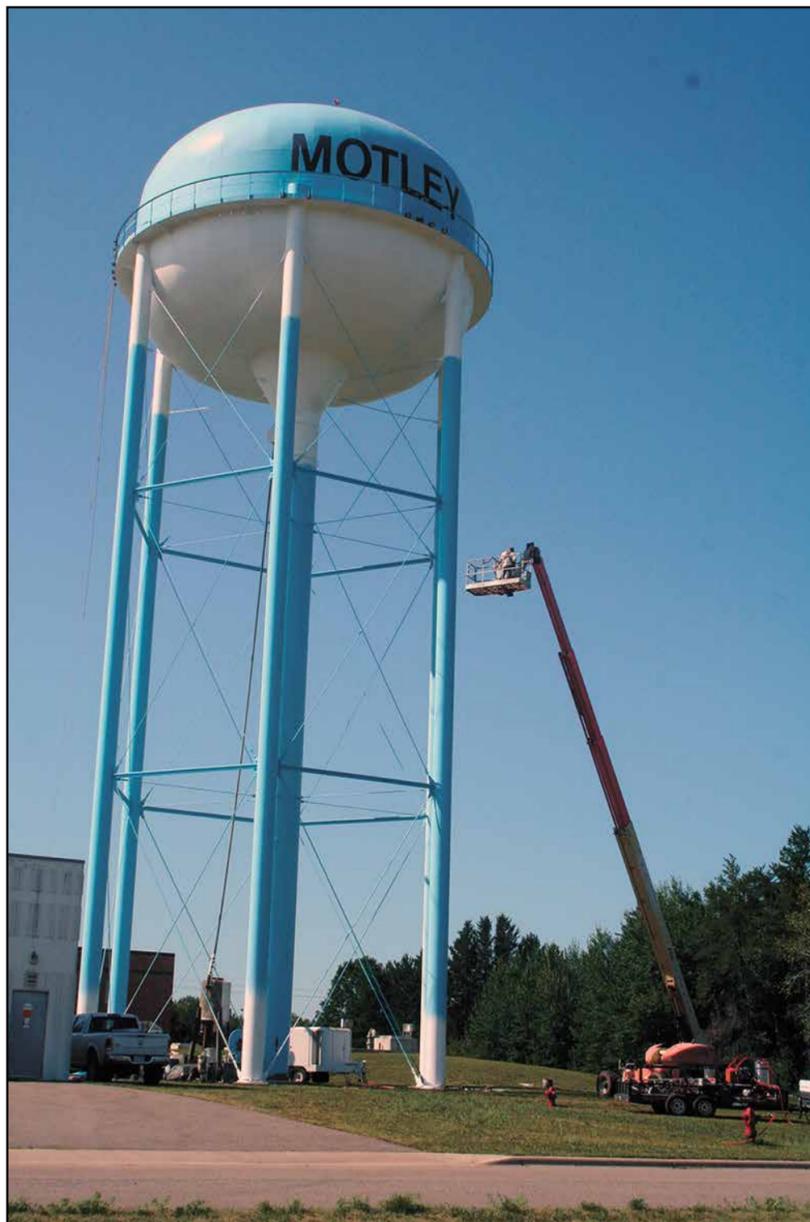


Reminiscing over lunch

Friends from Concordia College-Moorhead reunited recently in Staples, enjoying lunch and dinner at Timbers Restaurant and an overnight stay at Timberlake Hotel. Pictured, from left, are Concordia alumni from the classes of 1962 and 1963: Carolyn (Letness) McInnes, Phoenix, Ariz.; Maxine (Moe)

Radmacher, Cannon Falls; Karen (Erickson) Vevle, Eden Prairie; Judith (Olson) Munson, St. James; Lola (Milton) Lindquist, Worthington; and Mary Sperley, Staples. Missing from photo is Mary (Hanson) Trodahl, Crystal Lake, Ill, who was unable to attend the reunion. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Not as blue

Crew members with Tri-State Coatings of Wadena were in the early stages of re-painting the water tower in Motley Aug. 6, covering the blue that's been there for many years with white. Ultimately, the city's new logo will also be added to the water tower. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



New oil drop site in Motley

A new public used oil drop site (Staples World photo, below) is now located next to the city's maintenance shop in Motley, at 196 Eldredge St. W. Pictured above (submitted photo by Public Works Director, Bruce Brotherton), crew members from the East Side Oil Company, Inc. of St. Cloud worked to install the drop site Aug. 5. Brotherton said that the site is available for use by everyone... not just city residents. Waste oil can be deposited for free and there is a small fee for oil filters and used antifreeze. "It is on the honor system and there are plenty of signs so hopefully people will be respectful of it, follow directions and not leave a mess," Brotherton said. For more information on the recycling program, visit www.eastsideoilcompanies.com, or call 320-333-8845.



Law enforcement reports, Motley area

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:
 Aug. 1 - 7 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Pa Moua, 25; Hannah Melina, 29; Kaeden Lofthus, 18; Erin Morton, 33; Keegan Haus, 19.
 Aug. 7 - The MPD received a report of a

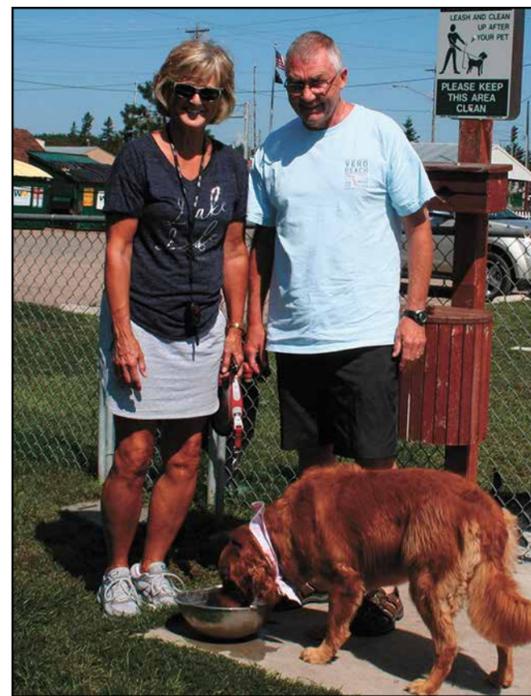
stolen bicycle at the 100 block of Beaulieu St. W., Motley.
 Aug. 5 - The MPD issued a citation to Christian Benson, 32, for driving after suspension. He was also issued a warning for speed.
 Aug. 5 - The MPD issued a citation to Dominick Simon, 19, for the use of an electronic device while in the flow of traffic. Driver

had been observed looking down and texting on his phone while in the traffic lane waiting for a red stop light. He stated he was unaware of the hands-free law.
 Aug. 2 - The MPD received a report of a driver who drove off the road and crashed into a stop sign at 3rd St. SW and Mill Pond in Motley. The vehicle was described as

a black Nissan sedan and the driver a young female. The reporting party called back to say she believed she located the suspect vehicle at a residence just outside of Motley. The MPD located the vehicle and spoke with the driver who admitted to driving and was unaware she hit the sign. The officer was later informed by the city's public works director that the registered owner had called him and wanted to pay for the damaged sign, which he advised would cost \$96.50. He said he would stop by city hall and pay the bill.

Aug. 2 - The MPD issued a citation to Taylor Buttici, 21, for the use of a cell phone while stopped in traffic at Cedar and First Ave., in Motley.

Aug. 5 - The MCSO received several complaints of two males sitting along side of Hwy 10, south of Motley. The reporting party said they are hard to see in the dark. The responding deputy made contact with Shawn McDonald and Brennen Telken who advised they were waiting for a ride. The deputy explained that walking in the dark was a safety issue and gave them a ride to Lincoln Gas and Bait while they waited for their ride coming from Rice.



Pit stop in Motley

Therese and Rick McBride of Warroad, along with their dog, Rizzo, stopped at the Motley Pet Stop and Rec Area Aug. 6, en route home from the Twin Cities. The McBrides said Motley is the half-way point when making this particular trip and they often stop there to stretch their legs. "This is a great place," they said of the park, mentioning there was plenty of room for Rizzo to run around, take care of business and grab a drink of water. It's also conveniently located behind a gas station, if they need anything, they said. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Police games at National Night Out

Motley Police Chief Jason Borash attempts a beanbag toss while wearing vision goggles, designed to simulate an impaired driver, at the National Night Out event in Staples on Aug. 6. The throw turned out to be about three feet to the right. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Looking back

75 YEARS AGO - 1944

• Aug. 17, 1944 - Sister Lambertine, for the past twenty years, an instructor in the Sacred Heart Parochial school in Staples, left last week for Pierz, where she has been assigned to the identical position she held in Staples, that of 7th and 8th grade instructor in the school.

Scores of young people in Staples have completed the grade school courses under Sister Lambertine, and she will be long remembered for her kindly nature, and pleasing personality

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in the church activities of Sacred Heart church. Sister Bonavita will be the new principal of Sacred Heart school. She will also be the Mother Superior at the Sacred Heart Sisters home in Staples.

• Aug. 17, 1944 - Wednesday of this week was the official opening day for the new furniture department of the Staples Coast-to-Coast store, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Rex Pence, who purchased the store from Stanley Steuart some time ago.

A complete line of new furniture has been displayed in the show room, and many people visited the place Wednesday, when free coffee and doughnuts were served during the day.

50 YEARS AGO - 1969

• Aug. 14, 1969 - The Staples Area Vocational Technical School will have as one of its students this fall Bharat Patel from Baroda, India. He is a Hindu, 19 years old, and has attended the Methodist Technical Institute in Baroda for the past three years. At the Staples school, he will be enrolled in the Tool Design or Machine Shop program and next year, he possibly will study plastics. If he remains in this city for a three-year period, he will then take tool engineering.

He will arrive in Staples Aug. 26 and will be staying with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Krough until he gets acquainted.

• Aug. 14, 1969 - Eighteen members of the Staples Boy Scout Troop No. 61 received awards as they attended a week of camping at the Parkers Scout Reservation last week.

Chuck Page, Scout scribe, reports that the following received achievements during the camp week: Guy Doud, Pat Goff, Mike Thelen, Chuck Page, Herb Greenwood, Jack Kirk, Jerry Stone, David Huff, John Hankey and Chuck Gillespie.

Other Scouts attending the camp included Doug Stolhanske, David Mennis, Ted Richardson, Greg Williams, Tim Simkins, Tim Finn, Chuck Holst and Clark Dahl.

• Aug. 14, 1969 - The Rand Drive-in Theatre in Verndale will be showing 'The Parent Trap' plus two cartoons Sunday - Monday, Aug. 17 - 18. 'This is a Disney show, very good for



Staples World mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Aug. 7, 1969 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to the family! the ad stated.

• Aug. 14, 1969 - An ad from Farmers Insurance Group states, "We'd like you to meet Lloyd G. Nelson. He's our newest representative with offices at 421 W. Wisconsin Ave., Staples.

25 YEARS AGO - 1994

• Aug. 18, 1994 - For the first time in more than 60 years, a bank in Staples was robbed this week. Tuesday afternoon a lone bandit help up the Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank in Staples, getting away with an undisclosed amount of money.

The man, carrying what is believed to be a hand grenade, walked into the bank office on Hwy 10 across from the Cenex Station about 2:30 p.m., and demanded money from one of the tellers, Sharon Bramer, who was able to activate an alarm and Staples police were summoned as the robbery was in progress.

As of Wednesday morning the man was still at large. Indications were that the man probably walked a short distance away from the bank office, got into a vehicle and drove off. But no one saw that happen. Bank manager Guy Blaske said moments after the holdup that the man took off running with an undisclosed amount of money.

The man was described as a white male, about 30 years old, possibly with a mustache; lightly built (145 - 169 pounds) with dark, almost black hair that was slicked back.

Police officers Kyle Huber and Mike Weinhandl responded immediately to the scene, followed a few moments later by other off-duty Staples police officers.

About an hour after the holdup, a ten-year-old girl reported seeing a man fitting the description running north on Fourth Street Southwest, about a half mile west and south of the Mid-Central Building. She reported he ran north through an open field and across the Burlington Northern tracks.

Motley Police Chief Larry Converse and his dog Kafka picked up the

photo to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

scents near where the girl saw the man, and tracked it across the tracks before losing it near the former Farmers Oil Station site, on Hwy 10.

Police learned late Tuesday that a very similar robbery was reported last week in Delevan, Wisc. The robber there walked into a bank and displayed a grenade, ordering the teller to hand over the money. He also walked away from the building.

The last bank holdup in Staples took place July 15, 1931 when five machine gun toting bandits driving a Buick roadster made off with \$14,000. No one was ever arrested in connection with that robbery of the First National Bank.

10 YEARS AGO - 2009

• Aug. 13, 2009 - The search for the missing Peter Achermann of Leader has stretched into its third week, with still no trace of the missing 82-year-old man.

Close to 100 members of a Brainerd National guard unit joined the search last weekend, covering much of the same ground tramped by volunteers in the first two weeks of the search. The Guard troops did so in a very systematic and coordinated search effort. The result, however, was the same. The troops left the search Sunday evening having found no trace of the missing man.

• Aug. 13, 2009 - The Giza family will be observing the 75th anniversary of the Giza Plumbing and Heating business on Friday, August 21, with an open house in the afternoon at the shop. John Giza started the business in 1934, with his son Harold taking over from him. Harold's son Marv joined the business in 1970, and Marv's son Greg came aboard in 1995.

• Aug. 13, 2009 - Plans are in the final stages for the first ever Railroad Days Dash, a 5 kilometer run/walk being held on Saturday, Aug. 22, in Staples. Nick Schultz, an avid runner for the past few years, is race director, with Dave Johnson, director of the Staples Kinship program, assisting him.

• Aug. 13, 2009 - The Sta-

Women of Today car show at Railroad Days

The Staples Motley Area Women of Today invite the public to their fifth annual Railroad Days Car Show, as a part of the Staples Railroad Days. Staples Motley Area Women of Today give back to their communities through donations and by providing services to make the communities better. This project is their major fundraising means during the year.

This year's car show will again feature cars and car enthusiasts arriving from all around the state. There is still space available for late registration of cars. There will be prizes, trophies and cash prizes drawn for the car and drivers. Co-sponsor NAPA has donated a Honda pressure washer. Arrive early to reserve a spot.

Rain or shine, the show is located at the Staples-Motley Elementary School on 4th Street NW, follow the signs. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Spectators can hop on the shuttle from the downtown activities, good will offering accepted. At the car show, vote for your favorite car. NAPA will be on hand and food will also be available. Those attending may take in the many activities that Staples Rail-

road Days has to offer.

Here is a little bit of information on this group of hard working ladies:

The Minnesota Women of Today are celebrating its 67th year as a volunteer organization dedicated to community service, personal growth, leadership training, and forming long-lasting friendships. Upon reorganization of the Jaycee Women in 1985, their organization became known as the Women of Today. The Minnesota Women of Today has its roots in the 1950's as the Minnesota Mrs. Jaycees.

Minnesota Women of Today always strive to uphold their creed: "May we leave the world a better place because we lived and served within it."

They are also looking for new members, if you would like more information regarding this dynamic and diverse women's organization, or are interested in the betterment of your communities, stop by the car show, like them on facebook; Staples Motley Area Women of Today or attend a meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Landmark Inn, 631 3rd Ave. NE Staples or contact Janet Kiley at 218-296-0177 to learn more.

Mystery photo correction

Apparently Kelly Boldan of Willmar correctly identified all of the people in the mystery photo from July 19, 1969 after all. The Staples World had identified one of the young people as Alvin Tangen, but Boldan (a Leader native) was certain it was Jack Tangen. Steve Lorber of Motley contacted the paper recently to say that "Boldan was right. It was Jack Tangen...Alvin was his father."



And the answer from last week is...

Last week's mystery photo published in the June 16, 1983 edition of the Staples World featured members of the WaHoo Gal's who took first place in the Domestic Engineers women's bowling league. Pictured, from left, are

Joyce Erickson, Vicki Dahlvang, Ruth Chapman and Laura Dahlvang.

Chris and Sheila Erickson; and Karen Brownell correctly identified all. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Beihoffer to speak in Staples

Janet Beihoffer will speak in Staples on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the Timbers Event Center in Staples. Her topic is the Role of Religion in our Nation's Founding. The event is sponsored by Crossroads Conservatives. Dinner orders will be taken at 5 p.m. and the program is expected to begin at 6:30 p.m.

After retiring from her career at IBM where she was a line-of-business marketing manager for five states, Beihoffer now is an adjunct professor at Metropolitan State University where she teaches Management Information Systems. Beihoffer earned a B.S. in Education from Miami University of Ohio, an MBA in Accounting from the George Washington University and became a registered CPA (now inactive) in Virginia. She writes periodically for "Intellectual Takeout."

Janet was elected to the Republican National



Speaker

Janet Beihoffer will speak in Staples on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the Timbers Event Center in Staples. Her topic is the Role of Religion in our Nation's Founding. The event is sponsored by Crossroads Conservatives. (Submitted photo)

Committee as the National Committeewoman for Minnesota in 2012 and re-elected for a second term

in 2016. She developed and implemented statewide poll challenging operations in 2005, became the Statewide Director of Election Operations for the MN GOP from 2008-2012, and served as the Chair of the Minnesota 2nd Congressional District from 2008-2009.

Beihoffer was on the Board of Directors for the Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People from 1990-1998 and the Mount Olivet Lutheran Church Board of Life and Growth from 1998-2004. She resides in Lakeville with her husband, Dale. They have four children and four grandchildren.

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

The Timbers Event Center is located at 1220 NE 2nd Avenue, Staples. Lodging is available at https://www.timberlakehotel.com.

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4. Destruction of any property is not necessary and will not be allowed.
5. Anyone can participate in the hunt except: Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union employees, volunteers and their families.
6. The finder of the medallion wins \$500.00 to be presented on Saturday, August 24th at the Railroad Days Parade.
7. There will be a maximum of five clues. They will be posted daily by 9:00 a.m. on Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union's website at www.mmfcu.org OR can be picked up at Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union's Staples Branch. Clues will not be given over the phone.
8. The finder of the medallion must present the medallion to staff at Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union during business hours for verification of the medallion.
9. If the medallion is not turned in by Friday, August 23rd at 5:00 p.m., Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union reserves the right to terminate the hunt and turn prize money over to charity.



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Why the 2020 census matters for rural Americans

ED FISCHER



As director of the University of Mississippi Center for Population Studies, I regularly talk to people about how they can use data to help their communities thrive.

The decennial census is particularly important – and the next one is less than a year away.

People living in rural and small town America in particular have much at stake in the 2020 census. Unfortunately, census participation tends to be lower in rural areas.

Our research network – including the State Data Center of Mississippi, Mississippi Kids Count Program and the Southern Rural Development Center – has been working to better understand potential barriers to census participation.

Valuable data

Legally mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the census is an effort to count all people living on American soil for the primary purpose of apportioning political representation in the federal government. Census data are also used for drawing political boundaries for local, state and federal elections.

Government agencies must use decennial census data, often coupled with data from the American Community Survey, to help determine government funding for rural development, infrastructure and health initiatives.

Census counts are also used to determine what places are considered rural or urban and where counties fall along the rural-

urban continuum.

Researchers focusing on rural America, like myself, are concerned with many issues that census data can help us to understand.

For instance, the rate of population loss in rural America has declined and even slightly reversed in recent years. However, there can be vast differences between regions. As noted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's John Cromartie and Dennis Vilorio, "People moving to rural areas tend to persistently favor more densely settled rural areas with attractive scenic qualities, or those near large cities. Fewer are moving to sparsely settled, less scenic, and more remote locations, which compounds economic development challenges in those areas."

2020 census data will help to improve demographers' calculations of similar statistics to show rates and patterns of net migration. This information can be used to help leaders better understand and plan for population shifts.

Low rural turnout

If many people don't participate in the census, the data will be far less accurate. And rural people are less likely to take part.

In 2010, an average 73% of households returned the mailed version of the form. My analysis of mail response rates by the rural-urban continuum codes showed an average of 68% for non-metropolitan counties, compared with 75% for metropolitan counties.

Analysts have been trying to better understand

why some populations are harder to count. There are numerous barriers to participation in decennial censuses. Many people have limited knowledge about the census. Others distrust the government and are concerned about the confidentiality of their information.

Although rural America tends to do better on some indicators used to predict potential census participation, people who live in poverty and are isolated may be at a particular disadvantage.

In 2020, for the first time, the census will offer an avenue for online participation, with the hope this will make it easier for people to complete the questionnaire more efficiently. This is promising, but some rural places have limited access to broadband internet service.

Encouraging participation

Our research network cross-referenced Census Bureau data with data on family and poverty characteristics to identify communities we thought would be likely to have lower participation in 2020.

Identifying two rural places and one urban, we held workshops with local stakeholders, including teachers, nonprofit leaders and clergy. We discussed challenges and opportunities for participating in the 2020 census, messaging that would resonate in their communities, and strategies for further engagement.

Educational standards

What's going on with the Staples-Motley school administrators?

Now some of the administrators are requesting that the Staples-Motley school board no longer honor the top grade ranking students with the honor of valedictorian or salutatorian for

their extraordinary grade achievements.

The school board will be voting on the request at the next meeting, Monday, Aug. 19. Also at this meeting they will vote on the request to drop the C- grade level to a D- grade level so that more students will be eligible for sports and other activities.

So if you want the students in our community to get a good education and a reward for it, parents,

grandparents and concerned district residents should be at this critical board meeting.

If you want to express your opinion at the meeting, stop at the Staples-Motley School District Office by Thursday, Aug. 15, before noon to sign a form. You cannot speak unless you do.

Bruce Drone
Staples, Minn.

Letter to the Editor

MDH: link between health care, poverty, race and premature death

New research from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) finds that during a five-year period one in five deaths of Minnesotans younger than 75 were potentially avoidable with effective and timely health care treatment.

The study, Disparities in Premature Death Amenable to Health Care, 2011 to 2015 (PDF), analyzed deaths in Minnesota between 2011 and 2015. Researchers looked for "health care amenable" or premature deaths related to diseases such as stroke, heart disease, treatable cancers and others that might have been prevented through timely and effective health care treatment. The analysis found that for those five years, 14,027 out of 76,907 deaths for Minnesota residents under age 75 were potentially avoidable with health care treatment. These premature deaths led to an estimated productivity loss for the state of \$1.3 billion.

"Too many people under 75 had their lives cut short because of lack of access to effective and timely health care treatments," said Minnesota Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "In Minnesota we can do better. Among other things, this study points out the urgent need to improve health care coverage and access and to ensure our health

care system better meets the needs of all patients, which is a priority in Governor Walz's One Minnesota budget plan."

The MDH study was not designed to determine the reasons why premature deaths occurred in Minnesota. However, other research has found that some factors that can contribute to a lack of access of care include the complexity of the system, lack of insurance coverage, the system's failure to meet patient needs, systemic barriers related to structural racism or historical trauma, or the cost of care. This is particularly true for Minnesotans living in high-poverty census tracts and census tracts where half or more of the residents are people of color or American Indians. At the same time, the study did not have clinical information prior to the death record to examine specific barriers to accessing health care.

Minnesota had the lowest health-care-amenable death rates in the U.S. during this time, according to the Commonwealth Fund's State Health System Ranking. However, the rate of potentially preventable deaths was more than twice as high for Minnesotans living in high poverty and racially diverse areas compared to majority white census tracts or higher income census tracts. For the Minnesotans in this study who died before age 75, those living in higher income majority white census tracts lived an average of 57 years, while those living in low-income majority white census tracts lived 54 years. Among those in the study who were living in lower-income census tracts where the majority of people were people of color or American Indians and who died before age 75, the average was 50 years.

Communities and families are harmed in a number of ways when members die young. In addition to the personal loss experienced by friends and families, there are consequences such as the loss of emotional support, family integrity, and personal or community history. Premature death also leads to income loss due to fewer years worked, and can lead to financial struggles for families who lose a primary wage

earner. The higher rate of premature death in areas of high poverty led to an added \$114 million per year in productivity loss than if these areas had the same statewide rate during 2011 to 2015. A disproportional amount of this additional productivity loss, \$73 million, was concentrated in areas that also had high diversity.

"One of our findings was that among deaths amenable to health care, chronic heart disease was the leading cause of death in high-poverty areas, followed closely by treatable cancer and stroke," said MDH Research Scientist Nathan Hierlmaier. In addition, health care amenable mortality rates for surgical conditions, heart disease, maternal and infant conditions, and respiratory disease in these high-poverty areas were nearly double the statewide average.

This research is consistent with other studies that found links between shorter life spans and factors such as health care access, poverty, race and ethnicity. One local study found Minnesota census tracts have life expectancies that vary by up to 27 years. National research showed low-income Americans died much sooner than more affluent neighbors, and there are racial disparities in mortality due to chronic heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and infant mortality.

Governor Walz's One Minnesota Budget is focused on making sure all Minnesotans have timely access to health care. This could contribute to reducing these deaths; it provides every Minnesotan with additional health care options, encourages stability in the individual health insurance market, and makes health care more affordable in Minnesota. In addition, Governor Walz is calling for the extension of the Health Care Access Fund, which provides essential health care coverage through the MinnesotaCare and Medical Assistance (MA) programs and supports public health activities. MDH operates more than 16 grants and programs funded by the Health Care Access Fund that improve the health of the population and enhance the efficiency and stability of the health care system.

Boaters must be aware of environment

By Tom Burch
Cass County Sheriff

The Minnesota DNR has created a new campaign focused on dealing with boating issues and creating public awareness. As the popularity of wake boarding and wake surfing increases, statewide sales of wake boats have increased dramatically. With their heightened popularity, concerns about collateral damage to docks, hoists and moored boats, as well as the potential for shoreline damage and erosion, also increases. There are currently no operating restrictions or laws on operating or waterway travel with these boats. Unlike a personal watercraft that has to stay a distance of 150 feet from shoreline, these boats can travel on the water with no restrictions.

The MN DNR has begun to create an educational awareness campaign around the effects of wakes and wake boats. With exceptionally high water for the greater part of this year's boating season, concerns over this topic have escalated across the state.

A DNR webpage with designated content meant to cover basic boating etiquette and wake awareness is being developed.

The Main Points of this campaign are:

- Be aware of your environment and what's going on around you. This applies to all types of boats, including paddlers, and those on and around the water.
- Stay at least 200 feet away from shorelines, docks and other structures. Backing a boat up to a riverbank or lakeshore can damage the area and lead to erosion. Travel slowly in shallow waters.
- Minimize repetitive passes. Once you've run a line, move on to another area. Comply with all signs and respect barriers.
- Respect the rights of others so everyone can enjoy their time on the water - keep the noise down, be courteous to other boaters and show consideration to all recreationists on and around the water.

Some basic and general safety tips should be followed and observed by all persons engaging in skiing, tubing and wakeboarding

activities. While these are popular water sports, they can also be dangerous with participants traveling at high speeds. Remember to take the following steps to minimize the risks:

- Learn how to get up out of the water and how to safely use the tow rope
- Always have a spotter in the boat and go over basic hand signals
- Make certain the towline is not caught in the propeller or wrapped around you prior to beginning
- Wait for the propeller to stop before getting back on the boat
- Enjoy these activities during daylight hours only

If you have specific questions that you would like answered in this column or in person, please feel free to contact me anytime using one of the following methods:

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Books, Bites & Brews to begin meeting in September

Books available soon at Staples Library

The first meeting of Books, Bites & Brews, a book club for adults to meet and discuss books in a social setting, will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19, at Timbers Restaurant, Staples.

The first selection is "The Paris Architect" by Charles Belfoure, an architect and historian as well as a New York Times bestselling author. "Heart, reluctant heroism and art blend together in this spine-chilling page turner," is what Publishers Weekly said about the book.

Here is how goodreads.com describes the novel:

"Like most gentiles in Nazi-occupied Paris, architect Lucien Bernard has little empathy for the Jews. So when a wealthy industrialist offers him a large sum of money to devise secret hiding places for Jews, Lucien struggles with the choice of risking his life for a cause he doesn't really believe in. Ultimately he can't resist the challenge and begins designing expertly concealed hiding spaces—behind a painting, within a column, or inside a drainpipe—detecting possibilities invisible to the average eye. But when one of his clever hiding spaces fails horribly and the immense suffering of Jews becomes incredibly personal, he can no longer deny reality.

"Written by an expert whose knowledge imbues every page, this story becomes more gripping with every life the architect tries to save."

The book club is being organized by the Friends of the Staples Public



Getting ready

Members of the Friends of the Staples Public Library Diane Archer, seated, and Brenda Halvorson are getting ready for the first meeting of Books, Bites & Brews, a book club for adults to meet and discuss books in a social setting, which will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19, at Timbers Restaurant, Staples. The first book is "The Paris Architect" by Charles Belfoure, set in Nazi-occupied Paris. Copies will soon be available at the Staples Public Library. (Submitted photo)

Library. At the first meeting organizers will request suggestions for future books to read and hope to generate a list for the next few months.

The club will meet the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at a local restaurant where partici-

pants can purchase food and drinks of their choice. A limited number of books will be available at the Staples Public Library the month prior to meeting. Ask at the circulation desk.

For information and book suggestions email FOSL56479@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar

August 14

COMMUNITY MEAL Wed., Aug. 14, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Converse Park in Motley. Free. Hosted by Motley Free Methodist Church. Picnic supper, games. For info., 218-352-6888.

August 16

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE Friday, Aug. 16, at Converse Park in Motley, starting at dusk. Bounce house for kids beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Motley United Methodist Church.

August 17

LEARN THE ART OF SQUARE DANCE hosted by Wadena Whirlaways and Ray's Prominaders at the Pillager Fairgrounds, Saturday, Aug. 17, 1 - 4 p.m. Free ABC dance for ages eight - 80. For info., 218-296-1642.

August 20, 21

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - WALK-IN sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340 ext. 209.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, Aug. 21, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 1-866-632-9992.

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION Wednesday, Aug. 21, 5:30 p.m., Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Public invited.

Jenessa Iverson performing at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre Aug. 19



Jenessa Iverson

Jenessa Iverson, 2016 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, has been selected to be a part of "The 24 Hour Musicals" at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre (CDT), Chanhassen. The performance is Monday, Aug. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Iverson is currently studying theater at the University of Minnesota-Duluth (UMD), as part of their BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) program.

She's excited to be a part of "The 24 Hour Musicals"

at Chanhassen, a festival to raise money for educational theatre scholarships. "The extra exciting news is that I, and a fellow classmate of mine, Bret Burggraff, will be acting along with 40 other professional theatre artists to produce four new musicals in just 24 hours," Iverson shared on her Facebook page.

According to information about this event at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre's website, "A concept fresh off Broadway can now be seen here in the Twin Cities following two successful years of the 24 Hour Plays at the Pantages Theatre in downtown Minneapolis. Its purpose - to raise funds for the UMD/CDT theater scholarship and the Hennepin Theatre Trust's Spotlight Education Program."

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre is located at 501 West 78th St., Chanhassen. For more information about The 24 Hour Musicals, call 952-934-1525.

LHS Annual Foundation Golf Tournament set for August 22

Lakewood Health System's 26th Annual Foundation Golf Classic is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 22, at The Vintage in Staples.

Co-sponsored by Nyhus Chevrolet-Buick, First International Bank & Trust of Staples, and Rasinski Total Door Service, LLC, the four-person golf scramble offers participants a 12:30 p.m. tee time, with registration and

lunch prior. Lunch will be provided and participants will also be eligible to receive various prizes and awards. All proceeds from the tournament will go towards Lakewood's children's health and wellness programs.

For more information on this event (including donation opportunities) call 218-894-8508 or email foundation@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.



Read 1,000 books

Four-year-old Lacey Elfstrum (center) chose the book and stuffed lion for "Carnivores" as her reward for reading 1,000 books before kindergarten. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Melissa Elfstrum. Pictured with Charlotte are Beth Fabian, left, with the Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition, and Angie Johnson, representing the Great River Regional Library in Staples. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a program to promote reading skills needed for children to be great readers before the third grade. (Submitted photo)



Read 1,000 books

Emmitt Winter was recognized for reading 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. He, along with his parents, Josh and Alisha and childcare provider, Deb Jordan, completed over 1,000 books by July. Emmitt is pictured with his prize of a Paddington Bear along with the book by the same name. Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition, Beth Fabian, left and the Great River Regional Library, Angie Johnson, right, made the presentation. The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program promotes reading skills needed for children to be great readers before the third grade. Stop by the Staples Library for details. (Submitted photo)

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

Saturday, August 17, 2019

SALE TIME: 10 A.M.	RESTROOMS AVAILABLE	LUNCH ON GROUNDS
<p>GUNS/ MORE</p> <p>Must have items to purchase handgun 22 cal. Benjamin Titan NP pellet gun, Model BW8M22NP with scope Smith & Wesson .22 long rifle pistol, auto, Model 422 w/clip Black Powder Ultra Rifle, .45 cal. from a kit Winchester L or LR Model 190 .22 cal. auto #B1134569 Pistol Grip 12 ga. pump shotgun, Mossberg Model 500A Misc. Ammo</p>	<p>MANY COLLECTIBLES</p> <p>Wide variety of Coca Cola Collection: Bears, bottles w/ pop in, glasses, cups, signs, etc. in boxes. 1941 Bowling Ball trophy radio, BC/DC/AC Old tubes, radio/TV etc. SNOWBLOWER/LAWN TRACTOR ST 230P snowblower, Husqvarna Lawn tractor, rebuilt, nice (red) Little red 2-wheel trailer Lawn sweeper, 36" Little red wagon Screen for deck door - 2</p>	<p>TOOLS/ ETC.</p> <p>Tools / long handle tools Push mower Bench grinder Misc. oil Charger on wheels 4" bench vise Air hose Weed eaters Floor jacks Lantems Paint gun Skill saws Delta 10" bench saw Traps</p>

More items than listed! **Jacqueline Harkcom**

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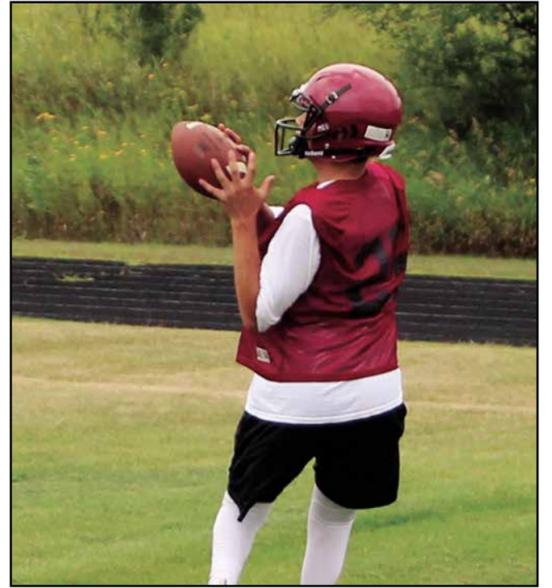


Fall sports season is here



Tennis team off to a fast start

The Staples-Motley tennis team held their first practice on Aug. 12, starting right away with competitive matches. The tennis team also starts their season right away, with tournaments at Long Prairie on Thursday, Aug. 15, at Pierz on Friday, Aug. 16, and the Highway 10 Tennis Tournament on Wednesday, Aug. 21, with doubles matches played at the Staples-Motley courts and singles matches at Wadena.



Football kick-off Aug. 30

The Staples-Motley football team held their first practice Aug. 12, and started out running offensive plays. The football team has a preseason scrimmage at Melrose on Saturday, Aug. 24, and play their first game at Wadena-Deer Creek on Friday, Aug. 30.

Volleyball starts, too

The Staples-Motley volleyball team also had their first practice on Aug. 12, but had an evening practice after this newspaper was completed. The volleyball team has a home scrimmage on Friday, Aug. 16, at 9 a.m., and start the regular season with a tournament at Royalton on Friday, Aug. 23, at 9 a.m.



Ready to swim

The Staples-Motley swimming team jumped into the pool for their first practice on Aug. 12, swimming laps and working on technique. The Cardinals

have their first competition on Monday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. at Sauk Centre. Their first home meet is Thursday, Aug. 29, at home against Little Falls.



Running through the grass

The Staples-Motley cross country team started running early at Pine Grove Park for their first practice on Aug. 12, running miles as a team. The only home

CC meet of the season is right away, Monday, Aug. 26, at the Vintage Golf Course, with races starting at 10 a.m.



CLC Field Day chance to tour Living Legacy Gardens, ag research

Community members are invited to Central Lakes College's annual Ag and Energy Research Center Field Day from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Friday, August 23 at the college's Ag and Energy Center, 26505 County Road 2, Staples. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. There is also a free lunch and program at noon.

There will be many free activities including: Tractor ride and drive, drone demonstrations, kid's program, water quality research, legislative updates, horticulture demonstration, a forage/pasture ranch tour, agronomic research and more.

Tours include sunflower research, edible bean presentation, nitrate reduction study, fruits for northern climates, Living Legacy Gardens tour and forage council fencing demonstration.

The noon lunch program will include Troy Daniell, Minnesota State NRCS Director, and a review of the Ag and Energy Center research being done in Staples.

For more information contact Hannah Barrett at 320-305-4376 or Hannah.barrett@clcmn.edu.



Family stroll through the gardens

The Moch family from Perham enjoyed looking at the variety of flowers at Living Legacy Gardens in Staples Aug. 7, while strolling along the brick pathways. Pictured, from right, are Marni, holding baby Archer; and her older boys Brooks and Hudson. They happened upon the gardens while driving along Cty Rd. 1, Marni said, adding that her husband had to pull the car over to take a call. It turned out to be a great place to stop, she said. The boys said they really liked seeing the goldfish in the pond at Living Legacy Gardens. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Caterpillar

Lydia Roelofs holds up a caterpillar which will one day be transformed into a butterfly. Children learned all about caterpillars and butterflies during a recent class at Living Legacy Gardens, taught by Becky Roelofs.



Getting some help

Jacob Roelofs of Motley gets some help making his butterfly ornament from his mom, Becky Roelofs (standing), instructor of children's sessions at Living Legacy Gardens; and Judy Droubie of Staples, who volunteers at the class sessions. In the background is Laurie Furney of Pine River, who was there with her grandchildren, Eva and Annika Weber of Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



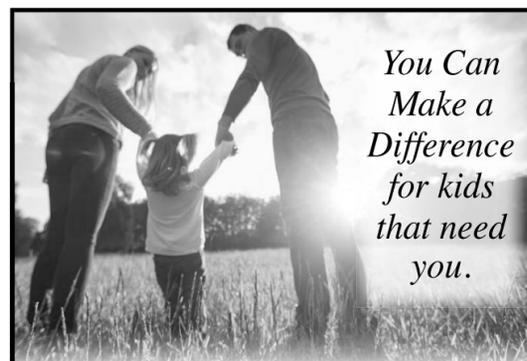
Beautiful butterflies

After hearing the story of a butterfly read to them by instructor Becky Roelofs, children attending a class at Living Legacy Gardens in Staples had the opportunity to make butterfly ornaments. Pictured above, from left, are Lydia Roelofs, Motley; and Scarlett Stracek, Staples. At right is Evan Kuklok, Cushing. Below, from left, are brothers Jameson, Maddock and Liam Harvey of Staples. The class is offered through Staples-Motley Community Education. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Young gardeners

Children in grades K - 5 have had the opportunity to plant and maintain vegetable gardens at Living Legacy Gardens in Staples, through Staples-Motley Community Education. The sessions have been led by Becky Roelofs, along with other project leaders and volunteers. Pictured above by the lettuce beds are, from left, Eva Weber of Motley and Maci Mithun of Staples. At their upcoming last session for the summer, the class is looking forward to tasting various snacks and dishes prepared from the produce they have harvested. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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Manager of Living Legacy Gardens

Tammy Rick, manager of Living Legacy Gardens (LLG) in Staples, stands by some of the tall phlox at LLG, one of several perennials that grace the main gardens, along with a variety of annuals, shrubs and trees. Other gardens at Living Legacy include pollinator friendly gardens, shade gardens and the herb gardens. The LLG are located at the Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center in

Staples. Throughout the summer, the college offers guided tours of the gardens by appointment through contacting Tammy Rick via email trick@clcmn.edu or by phone 218-894-5123. This tour includes a history of the gardens and how it began. Two tours of the gardens are planned during Railroad Days in Staples, as well as an ice cream social. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Tiffany and Dustin Dougherty of Verdale, a baby boy, Aruthur Udo weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on August 2, 2019.
 Born to Mekenna Close of Brainerd, a baby girl, Everly Carter weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on August 2, 2019.
 Born to Hanna and Adam Hebig of Little Falls, a baby boy, Henry Mark weighing six pounds, five ounces on August 2, 2019.
 Born to Elizabeth and Nathan Wiese of Verdale, a baby girl, Clara Catherine weighing eight pounds, three ounces on August 5, 2019.
 Born to Tabatha and Roger Phillips of Brain-

erd, baby boy, Nash Cody weighing seven pounds, six ounces on August 7, 2019.

Born to Jeni and Travis Burns of Browerville, a baby boy, Kade Kenton weighing nine pounds, three ounces on August 7, 2019.

Born to Sheila and Allan Robinson of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Addalyn Grace weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on August 8, 2019.

Born to Libby Fabian and Riley Silvernail of Brainerd, a baby girl, Callahan June weighing eight pounds, two ounces on August 8, 2019.

Born to Megan King and Josh Hauer of Clarrisa, a baby boy, Oliver Arlan weighing eight pounds.

Obituaries

Lyla Holmberg

Lyla Holmberg, 92, of Motley passed away August 8, 2019, at her residence.

A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. Weds., August 14 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Motley with Pastor Paul Koehler officiating. Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial was held at the Motley City Cemetery.

Lyla was born on October 24, 1926 in Holly Township, Murray County to August and Mattie Schmalz. She eloped to Windom in 1941, marrying the love of her life Armin Holmberg. The couple journeyed to California and resided there until the beginning of WWII, when they moved back to southern Minnesota where they farmed. In 1950 they moved to Motley, and Lyla worked at Ringer planter in Staples until its closing. She also worked at Lumbertown and retired in 2000 from Madden's Resort. Lyla enjoyed sewing, playing cards, casino trips and watching Johnny Carson.



She will be remembered for her love of the holidays.

Lyla is survived by two daughters, Janet (Joe) DeGeest and Theresa Johnson; two sons, Dean (Joan) Holmberg and Larry Holmberg; 12 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter-in-law, Candi Holmberg; one brother and one sister.

Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.

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Jean Chaffin

The memorial service celebrating the life of Jean Chaffin of Eagle Bend and formerly of Hewitt, was held August 9, 2019, at the New Life Church of God in Bertha.

Jean, age 77, passed away surrounded by her family on August 5, 2019, at her home in rural Eagle Bend under the gentle care of her family and Lakewood Home Care and Hospice.

Burial was in Moran Methodist Cemetery, Germania Township.

Jean Elizabeth Sowles was born to Merrell Warren and Elizabeth Evaline (Mowat) Sowles on March 20, 1942, in Ewart, MI. She attended grade school in Ewart, high school in Edmore, MI and continued her education at Marion Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant to attain a teaching degree in Home Economics.

Jean was united in marriage with Charles Lee Chaffin on April 2, 1966, in Fairfield, CA. As a pastor's wife, she moved around, living in Colorado, North and South Dakota, then finally settled in Minnesota.

She loved teaching. She taught in a multitude of places including on the Red Lake Reservation, Sunshine Bible Academy in SD, Pillager, Staples and Bertha, long with subbing in multiple places. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing and playing games.

Locally, Jean had been a member of the Hewitt Church of the Nazarene and later the New Life



Church of God in Bertha. Jean's spiritual life was strongly impacted by her Grandma and Grandpa Mowat of rural Ewart. She came to faith in Christ while kneeling at her mother's bedside when she was nine-years-old.

Left with loving memories are her husband, Charles, of Eagle Bend; three sons, Kenneth (Lela) Chaffin of Winona, David (Carolyn) Chaffin of Bertha and Jeffery (Kelly) Chaffin of Spearfish, SD; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; along with her brother, Dale Sowles.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Merrell Sowles and Elizabeth Sowles Ralph; and siblings Ruth Gray and Glen Sowles.

Honorary urn bearers were grandchildren, Rachel Chaffin, Haley Klopp, Aaron Chaffin, Callan Vaneps, Michael Chaffin, and Nathaniel Chaffin.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Bertha, MN (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com)

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SMHS Class of 1989 plans 30th reunion

The Staples-Motley High School Class of 1989 will hold their 30th reunion Saturday, Aug. 24, 6:30 p.m., at Timbers Event Center in Staples.

For more information and to register, visit the class's paypal account at smclassof1989@paypal.com.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
 1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
 Pastor Bob Hepokoski
 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.

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

Faith Lutheran
 430 12th Street, NE, Staples 218-894-1546
 Pastor: Carl Larson
 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 am.
 Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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
 Pastor Carl Larson
 www.bethanylutherancushing.org
 Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Sunday School and
 Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
 Pancake Breakfast 11:45 a.m.
 2nd Sunday, each month

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)

524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
 Pastor Robin Fish
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church

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

Verndale

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

Family Life Church

402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
 Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
 SUNDAYS 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.

John Martin

John Martin, 80, of Staples and Austin, passed away on August 7, 2019.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2019, 11:00 a.m., at the Church of Christ in Austin. Friends may call on the day of the funeral from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the church.

John William was born April 1, 1939, in Austin to Charles Joseph and Ester Effie (Frisby) Martin. In 1957, John married Karen Jeannette Madison at the Church of Christ in Austin. After he retired from Hormel, John and Jeannette enjoyed spending many summers in Staples, where he was involved in Tuesday night men's small group and going to the sales barn every Wednesday. He was a master wood worker. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Austin and Staples.

John is survived by his wife, Jeannette; two sons, John Patrick (Kathy) Martin of Austin and James William (Ashley) Martin of Rochester; one daughter, Jill Irene (Kevin) Bennett of Dickinson, North Dakota; three grand-



children, Jeremy James Martin, Joseph Thomas Bennett, Jeffrey Charles Bennett; five great-grandchildren, Mya Elizabeth Bennett, Dustin Robert Bennett, Andrew James Bennett, Noah William Bennett, Isaac Jay Bennett; two sisters, Alice (Denis) Whelan of Albert Lea and Betty (Ron) Soderberg and many nieces and nephews.

John is preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Charles Martin, Robert Martin, George Martin, Allen Martin and one sister, MaryAnn Johnson.

Arrangements with the Iten Funeral Home - itenfuneralhome.com.

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"From One Dog Lover to the Next"

Barry Klein, Pastor, Staples Church of Christ

I am anticipating that some pet lovers may be uneasy at best and upset at worst with what is shared in this devotion. So, let me preface these thoughts with how much I personally enjoy pets. I had a boyhood rat terrier dog by the name of "Lady" that I still tell stories about to our grandchildren. The story of why I had to eventually give her up was agonizing at the time for a boy.

I put dog treats out on our front step for the neighborhood dogs to help themselves to. When our grandchildren are with us, we grab up some dog biscuits and go to homes of our neighborhood dogs. (We like to be accommodating!)

I don't particularly like cats, but our daughter's family has two cats and (when they will let me for the one minute of their toleration) I like to hold them like a baby.

Adam was entrusted with the care of animals in the Garden of Eden. Proverbs 12:10 refers to followers of God caring for animals. Let us be clear, animals are a good part of God's creation.

But here comes our dilemma. As people, we have a propensity to take the good things of God and push the limits of their place before God and make what

was good, now an idol. We must be clear from Genesis Chapter 1, that there is a clear distinction between animals (Genesis 1:24-25) and people (Genesis 1:26). Only to people is given "God's image" in that same last verse. People are to be good steward "over" the animal kingdom. They are not equal in value.

I know the real value of pet therapy. Pets have a wonderful place in our lives. But, they are not people. These truths above need to guide how we relate to animals, particularly domesticated animals. I am grateful for veterinary science. It, too is a gift from God. But the amount of attention and expense that we pay on our pets must be questioned in light of things that are more important in life... like God and other people.

Please enjoy our pets together, but let's let the way God has designed life lead us in caring for them as "gifts from God" and not as equals with children and grandchildren even in the way we use language to describe our pets.

By the way, does anyone have a dog I can share a biscuit with or a cat I can hold like a baby?

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Leona Heinecke

Leona M. Heinecke, 83, of Motley passed away August 6, 2019 at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services were held August 10 at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples with Pastor Greg Leslie officiating.

Burial was at Buffalo Lake City Cemetery in Buffalo Lake.

Leona was born on September 10, 1935 in Hutchinson to Theodore and Martha Schlueter. She was united in marriage to Delano Heinecke on December 5, 1954 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cedar Mills. The couple lived in St. Paul then moved to Aurora, CO while Delano served in the US Army. They later farmed and milked cows in Cedar Mills, before their final move to Motley. Leona worked for 3M, as a day-care provider and home health aide. She enjoyed traveling to Canada, most of the states in the continental U.S., Germany and Holland. Leona collected refrigerator magnets and salt and pepper shakers. Her hobbies included crocheting, reading, sewing, baking, jigsaw puzzles and



camping. Leona will be remembered for her love of Christmas and her visits with friends and family.

She is survived by two sons, Dean (Wanda) Heinecke and Mark Heinecke; one daughter, June (Terry) Little; 10 grandchildren, David, Daisy, Chris, Mike, Tony, Tim, Andy, Christy, Lisa, Joshua; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and her special daycare grandkids.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; two daughters, Barbara Geisler, Faye Verdon; infant grandson, Justin Heinecke; and seven siblings.

Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.

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Camping on the river

Rendezvous participant Lonnie Murray takes a break from the encampment at the Crow Wing River's edge while his granddaughter, her friend and dog, Charlotte, enjoy a swim.



Underground oven for pottery

Attendees at the Old Wadena Rendezvous learned how to bake clay pots in the ground. Pictured, from left, Haylen, Missy and Brielle Berry, and Sharon and Ellie Notch, with demonstrator

Cheryl Bannes. The children were able to form pots out of clay before they were buried in the fire pit. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Songwriting in the tent

Loretta Simonet and Curtis Teague lead a class for songwriting about real people. Pictured, they sing a song about a family raising a child with autism and one who is considered "neuro-typical." (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Tapping with toys in the woods

Hallel Bervig learns how to make a wooden puppet tap dance at the Old Wadena Rendezvous on Aug. 10, drawing a crowd as she tapped out a rhythm.

(Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Public Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 29, 2014

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$156,253.70

MORTGAGOR(S): Darrel L. McFedries and Dianna L. McFedries, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 8, 2014 as Document Number 491042 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots Forty-six (46) and Forty-seven (47), Block Eight (8), Sylvan Shores South, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 28649 OTTAWA DRIVE, BROWERVILLE, MN 56438

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$148,467.01

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 08-0162900 and 08-0162800

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on March 19, 2020.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: McFedries, Darrel L. and McFedries, Dianna L.

Dated: July 25, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

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Michael van Muelken, Esq.

Attorneys for Mortgagee
25 Dale Street North
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(19-0791-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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Bird house

All ages were welcome to build a birdhouse, with David Rokes and his wife, Shirley of Hewitt participating with the guidance of John Hamberg under the shelter.

Eyes on the sky at National Night Out

Todd County Sheriff Steve Och (background) brought the county's observation drone to the National Night Out event at NP Park in Staples on Aug. 6, causing many attendees to look up into the sky. The images from the drone were projected onto the television screen, lower left. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





GARAGE SALES
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GARAGE SALE: **THURS., AUG. 15-SAT., AUG. 17, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ?** 6610 124th St., SW, Motley. Signs. Collectables, tools, sporting, household, toys, misc. Priced to sell; no reasonable offer refused. 218-232-4944 ssw33p

GARAGE SALE: **THURS., AUG. 15, FRI., AUG. 16, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Joey and Vonnies, 615 8th St. NE, Staples. Do not miss this one. Something for everyone. Name brand teen clothes, etc ssw33p

Place your garage sale ad by 5 p.m. Monday for the Staples World; 5 p.m. Wednesday for Square Shooter Shopper.

GARAGE SALE: Fri., Aug. 16, Sat., Aug. 17, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Gary Stevenson, 5220 Crystal Rd., Motley. Lots of brass items, several galv. tubs round/square, copper boilers, traps-including collectibles, old copper washing machine tub (no top), older camping trailer for deer camp or whatever, old tins - no repo's, Mont. Moss agate and petrified wood, antlers- mule/whitetail, lots of other stuff. Also, buying quality Lake Superior agate, no junk. ?s-218-820-2197 ssw33p

RUMMAGE SALE: **Fri., Aug. 16, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.** 902 2nd Ave., Staples. Girls clothing, toys, misc. items. Most \$0.25 to \$0.50. No Early Sales. ssw33p

Changes to the Homestead Property Tax Market Exclusion for Minnesota Veterans

David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

There have been changes to the Homestead Property Tax Market Exclusion for Minnesota Veterans with Service connected Disabilities for 70% or greater; 100% Permanent and total, and surviving spouses.

Veteran's with a Disability of 70-100% what has changed?

Application Date: Applications for the veteran's with a disability exclusion are now due by December 15. This is effective for the current assessment year. This application deadline is for qualifying veterans applying for the exclusion and surviving

spouses applying for the exclusion.

•Extension for Surviving Spouse of a 100% permanently and totally disabled veterans: The time period for qualifying surviving spouses has been extended from eight years to a lifetime benefit, effective this assessment year.

•Spouses that are currently receiving the exclusion and new applicants will receive this lifetime exclusion.

•There is no backdating allowed for this extension.

•If a spouse received the exclusion in assessment year 2018, for taxes payable 2019 and the exclusion was removed because 2018 was their eighth year in the

program, then the county should put the exclusion back on those properties for assessment year 2019. This is the only "backdating" that is allowed since the spouse is currently benefiting from the exclusion in the 2019 payable year.

•The county does have the authority to request new applications for these types of properties, however it is not required.

What Did Not Change?

•The July 1 date for County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) certification was not affected by new laws. The CVSO is still responsible for certifying the veteran's disability rating to the assessor by July 1 so that the veteran can continue to qualify for the exclusion.

•The certification is only for those veteran's that are currently receiving the exclusion, not for

initial applications.

•Note: Initial applications are reviewed and approved by the assessor who is responsible for making the initial determination on the veteran's with disability exclusion.

•The requirements to qualify for the exclusion

•The exclusion amounts still \$150,000 and \$300,000

•The disability ratings still 70 - 100% or 100% permanent and total

•The reasons for when a veteran and/or surviving spouse would no longer qualify for the exclusion

What Do the CVSO and the County assessor Need to Do?

•Accept applications through December 15 for assessment year 2019

•Find the properties that expired in 2018 for the surviving spouse extension and put them back into the program with a lifetime extension, as long as all requirements are met

•Update any information or correspondence the county has drafted to reflect these changes (Source: State of Minnesota Department of revenue)

See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.

GARAGE SALES

City wide

STAPLES RAILROAD DAYS

AUGUST 23-25

\$7 Special

LIST: • Day(s) • Times • Address

To list items for sale, regular ad rates apply. Ads must be paid when placed; as always, no telephone orders.

DEADLINE: Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 4 p.m. to be published in Square Shooter on Aug. 17 and the Staples World on Aug. 21 / online.

Staples World office, 224 4th St. NE, Staples



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Rendezvous view from hand made canoe

Ray Boessel, Jr., left, his passenger Midge Johnson of Aitkin and his son, Dan Boessel, led a group of paddlers who finished a short stretch of the Crow Wing River as part of Old Waden Rendezvous. Ray Boessel built and finished this birch bark canoe just days before participating in the Old Wadena Rendezvous this past weekend. The 17-foot long canoe is the 334th canoe the elder Boessel has made in the past 30 years. He operates Hafeman Boat Works located in Bigfork. (Photo by Tom Crawford)

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Road trips with college friends memorable

their years together at Concordia.

Only six of the Silly Seven were in attendance at the recent reunion in Staples. These included Carolyn (Letness) McInnes of Phoenix, Ariz.; Maxine (Moe) Radmacher of Cannon Falls; Karen (Erickson) Vevele of Eden Prairie; Judith (Olson) Munson of St. James; Lola (Milton) Lindquist of Worthington; and Mary Sperley of Staples. Mary (Hanson) Trodahl, now of Crystal Lake, Ill., was unable to make the trip this year. Sometimes, there are eight of them, Mary Sperley said, adding that Virginia (Nolting) Hegre, although not a Concordia alumnus, is an honorary member of their group.

Over lunch at Timbers, the women reminisced about their Cobber days.

They all lived together in the upstairs of Dr. Lutter's house, a history professor at the college. Since they were all involved in music (several were in the college choir and a few in the band...Mary played clarinet, she shared), they often harmonized around the piano. "We did a lot of

singing together, it was so much fun," Mary said.

In those days, no one from the opposite sex was allowed in a college student's living quarters. The Silly Seven (sometimes called "The Single Seven") were not known to break rules, but Mary had such a low voice, Lola recalled, that often a dorm parent would knock on their door when they heard them singing, certain a boy must be in there.

"Oh we could tell stories on Mary," Lola laughed as they reminisced over coffee. She recalled that the girl from Staples used to get into the movie theater and just pay the child's admission price. "Yep, 14 cents," Mary chimed in.

Carolyn recalled the time Mary took apart the drain in the bathroom to help find her contact lenses. "I should have been a plumber," Mary, a retired teacher, quipped.

Then there were the road trips in Judith's 1950 Studebaker Champion. She was the only one of the Silly Seven to have a car at school. Later on, Lola purchased a 1948 Chrysler she named The Grey

Goose. "We'd go 70 mph on a gravel road in that car," she laughed.

Maxine remembered the time they all decided to take a weekend trip to Montevideo to surprise her parents. Wouldn't you know, that particular weekend the Moes already had a houseful of out of town guests. "My poor mom scrambled to find beds for all of my friends," Maxine laughed. There's a picture out there somewhere with the seven college chums lined up by the car they drove in from Moorhead.

No matter the circumstances, they always managed to have a good time.

Their parents all got along, too, Lola said, attributing that to one of the reasons the friends have all remained close. During their college years there were visits to Mission Hill, S.D., where Karen and Judith grew up; McLoud, N.D., Lola's hometown; St. Paul, where Mary Hanson hailed from; and Staples, where Mary Sperley was born and raised. Carolyn's family lived in the Moorhead area, which gave the Silly Seven a nearby home away from home to visit.

They are all Scandinavian, too, which has been a bonding factor all these years. "Ya, you betcha," Mary says, as the others nod in agreement. A few admit to taking one of those DNA tests in recent years, which unfortunately (in their opinion) revealed there may be some Swedish mixed in with their Norwegian genes. What's a good Cobber alum to do?

Laugh it off, of course, if you happen to be a member of the Silly Seven.

"Oh, Mary always laughed, even when we sang the table prayer," Carolyn said of the Norwegian Table Song often sung before a meal.

In fact, the group of women sang it that day at Timbers prior to eating lunch.

"Would you like us to sing it for you?" they asked this reporter, who of course answered, "Yes," without hesitation.

Their four-part harmony was beautiful and it was evident they had sung together many times in the past.

As the reunion lunch drew to a close, the Concordia College pals joined their voices to share one more song, entitled, "Aloha."

"Aloha" means we welcome you,

It means more than words can say.

"Aloha" means good luck to you,

Goodnight at the close of day.

It's just like a love song, with a haunting sweet refrain,

Bringing you joy, bringing you pain.

"Aloha" means farewell to you,

Farewell, 'til we meet again.

Best be those Scandinavian, musical, faith-filled Cobber ties that bind.

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Valedictorian label obsolete

nications director is vital," said Tappe.

Dropping valedictorian designation

The board reviewed student handbook revisions and noted that the school is moving away from designating a valedictorian and salutatorian for the top two grade point average students in each class.

Schmidt said the traditional designation was based on a 4.0 GPA scale for high school classes. But now there are many different options, including college level classes in the school, online classes that can be college or high school level, and post-secondary options where the high school student attends college classes.

"It is not an equitable

playing field any more, it has simply become obsolete," said Schmidt.

This year's senior class will designate a valedictorian and salutatorian, but Schmidt said it will "sunset" the following year. The school will continue to recognize honor graduates with the highest grade point averages.

Todd County will seek candidates for coordinator

by Karin L. Nauber
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The county will be doing its own search for a coordinator.

On July 16 discussion was held regarding the vacant coordinator position. Options were discussed at that time as to what they wanted to do.

The options before them were:

Option 1: post coordinator position internally

Option 2: post coordinator position internally and externally

Option 3: utilize search firm to conduct a search for coordinator

Option 4: explore the option of administrator

Option 5: continue discussions through the county board and personnel committee

At their meeting on August 6, more discussion took place.

Commissioner Randy Neumann said that he supported option 3 which would be to use David Drown Associates (DDA) to do another search for a qualified candidate to fill the position.

Neumann said he had spoken with other organizations that had gone through the process a second time and was told it was a little better the second time through.

Commissioner Rod Erickson asked how long they had to utilize the option to have Drown do a second search.

Interim Coordinator Chris Pelzer said the county would have two years to use them. She said Drown would also have no problem extending the time.

Commissioner David Kircher commented that he was not pleased with what the county had received in the first go around.

"The second time says it's 'free,' but it's not free. We have to pay windshield time [travel] and other expenses," said Kircher.

He said that this is the second time Pelzer has done the job and it has gone very smooth stating that she knows how the county works. He felt they should go with option 1 to post internally.

Commissioner Barb Becker felt they should use the search firm again and that way both the internal candidates and external ones could be considered.

She said she didn't think it was a large sum of money to continue with it.

child protection social worker position.

• Approved the annual contribution to the Initiative Foundation of \$7500 for inclusion in the 2020 county budget.

• Approved the Soil and Water Conservation District vehicle purchase of a 2019 Dodge Ram for \$3,249.71

• On December 27, 2018, the Todd County Board of Commissioners established a Policy Committee to update, review and maintain all of the county's policies.

The Policy Committee reviewed and recommended an approval to update the Todd County Government Center Campus Parking Policy from its current existence within county board records.

Due to some additional information surfacing, there has been some modifications proposed to the parking policy passed by resolution on July 2.

After discussion on enforcement and clarification on the steps being taken regarding staff parking in designated public parking spots, the board approved the resolution updates.

• Adopted changes to the Todd County Personnel Policy and directs the County Coordinator to begin administration of said policy as of August 7.

This Resolution replaces and supersedes all prior county board actions, oral or written, relating to the subject matter.

Part of that change includes that applicants for employment opportunities can apply online or using a paper application.

• An opening will exist due to the retirement of a public health nurse (PHN) working in the service coordination area of Health and Human Services. This position provides services to individuals and communities. This position is responsible for using a holistic approach to complete individualized assessments and develops and implements plans to enhance and protect the quality and dignity of life for the diverse population served. Either a registered nurse or a social worker has the appropriate qualifications to complete this work.

The board approved the request to hire a Care Coordinator to replace the PHN position.

THANK YOU

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Congratulations to these 5-Star employees



Left to right: Sarah Nice, Ramona Trana, Ben Johnson, Amanda Kilbury, Greg Karels

Sarah Nice LPN, Clinic Services

Nominated by Lynette Flaa, Lamanda Numburger and Amanda Wensmann, "Sarah has been helpful from day one. She offers her help to surrounding co-workers and goes above and beyond her job duties generally in an effort to help others. Sarah puts her time into CDM reports and chart scrubbing for other providers which is beneficial to Lakewood as a whole and this does not go unnoticed by her fellow co-workers. Sarah is appreciated and an asset to Lakewood Health System."

Ramona Trana HHA, Home Health / Hospice

Nominated by the Quality Committee, "Ramona was at a home visit when she noticed the patient was not herself. Ramona had the knowledge, skills, and confidence to call the nurse and report her concerns. Due to her quick response, the patient was able to receive the appropriate health care in a timely manner. Thank you for speaking up in order to get this patient the care she needed."

Ben Johnson Occupational Health Coordinator

Nominated by Jacque Bartczak, "Ben noticed a resident sitting near the windows at the Senior Campus, crying. Ben truly exhibited our LHS value of compassion by noticing this resident and taking time to find out what was wrong; this would be the first anniversary the resident would not be celebrating with his wife of 65 years. Administration and staff were notified and the couple was surprised with a special celebration at the care center."

Amanda Kilbury, CRA, Care Center

Nominated by Cherish Sullivan CRA, "Amanda is amazing and truly cares about her residents. She is passionate about what she does and always makes sure the residents have everything they need. She takes time with each resident to provide individualized care to ensure her residents get the care they deserve. She is an amazing trainer of new staff and I personally feel like I get training every day when I work with Amanda. I want Amanda to know how much she is appreciated and valued."

Gregory Karels Housekeeper, Environmental Services

Nominated by the Quality Committee, "Greg is an employee that has patient safety in mind and is looking out for his team. Greg went to infection control expressing the team's concerns for safety, related to what personal protective equipment should be used when cleaning rooms of patients on precautions. As a result, a poster was developed for all environmental service staff to have on their cleaning cart. Thank you for utilizing your resources and working to make Lakewood Health System a better place to work."



Two vehicle crash in Staples

The Staples Police Department responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Hwy 10 and 14th St. NE in Staples just after 4 p.m. on Aug. 7. The responding officer reported observing one vehicle on its side on the north median of 14th St. NE, driven by Melissa Ludovissie, 38, of Aldrich; and another

vehicle, driven by Joshua Olson, 26, of Bertha, pushed right up to the front of it. No serious injuries reported and no ambulance transport needed. The SPD was assisted by the Staples Fire Department, Staples Ambulance; and Scott's Southtown towing service. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)