



Homecoming week

Staples-Motley High School held numerous Homecoming activities, including a royalty coronation, with the above candidates, from left, Frankie Hanson, Corey Hansen, Morgan Becker, Dayton Anderson, Addison Lorber, Lyle Brownell, Bo Erholtz, Sivert Klefsaas, Klaire Storry and Chandler Braith. See more Homecoming photos throughout the newspaper. (Photos by Mark Anderson)

Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 29	85°	60°	M. Cloudy
Sept. 30	79	58	M. Cloudy
Oct. 1	72	54	Cloudy
Oct. 2	73	51	P. Sunny
Oct. 3	68	48	M. Sunny
Oct. 4	67	47	M. Sunny
Oct. 5	67	46	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2020			
	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 29	68°	47°	M. Sunny
Sept. 30	62	48	Cloudy
Oct. 1	50	47	Cloudy
Oct. 2	51	30	Sunny
Oct. 3	52	38	Cloudy
Oct. 4	55	27	M. Sunny
Oct. 5	70	44	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 62° Low = 43°

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WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

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Obituary

Mary Jane
Lingenfelter



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Wonder of the opera house

Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives Capital Investment Committee get their first look at the Batcher Block Opera House in Staples on Sept. 23. The legislature is deciding whether to fund a study to renovate the structure. See more on page 12a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Community foundation fall grant round

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) announced the 2021 fall grant round. The SMACF is a Partner Fund of the Initiative Foundation, established with the mission to develop and strengthen community resources and to enhance the quality of life of individuals, families, and organizations in the Staples Motley School District. Through local dollars,

the SMACF provide direct grants to projects within the community that:

- Strengthen Youth and Families: Supplementing the endeavors of others in developing and implementing positive opportunities for youth and families.
- Improve Community Appearance: Making our community attractive and

See **SMACF** on page 12a

From Africa to Batcher Blocker Opera House, Staples becomes a story hub

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

A special reunion received a special tour, when the 1973 Peace Corps cohort to Benin and West Africa met in Staples to tour the Batcher Block Opera House.

Staples resident Mark Crampton was one of the Peace Corps volunteers in 1973 and invited the rest of them to Staples in August. They had been meeting on Zoom during the pandemic and decided to hold a live reunion. Crampton said the visitors enjoyed getting out of urban settings to see Staples and his home in the country. "With COVID, they felt safer in a small town," said Crampton.

The group was very impressed with the Batcher Block Opera House. Owner Colleen Frost was excited to host the group with people coming from Florida, California, Rhode Island and many places in between.

"Everyone loved it, many wanted to contribute to the rehab," said Crampton. "They were quite impressed. Many of them wanted to contribute to the rehab of the building."

The Peace Corps group that went to Benin in 1973 has a special bond because of the unique training they had. That was the first Peace Corps group to train in their destination country instead of at a common training site.

As a result, this cohort had the highest dropout rate in Peace Corps, partly because they got thrown into the local culture with no preparation.

"We ate all local food, like a fish stew with a whole fish floating on top," said Crampton.

In addition, some of the volunteers dropped out after they got sick with malaria or intestinal infections.

On the other hand, those who stayed made a stronger connection because of the hardships. One spent 30

Community health, sports medicine part of Lakewood's lot bid

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At their Sept. 14 meeting, the Staples City Council held a closed session to discuss three offers from different businesses to purchase the lot on Hwy 10 next to Ernie's Food Market. State law allows the city to hold closed sessions if any of the bidders want to remain anonymous.

Following the meeting, Lakewood Health System announced they are one of the entities bidding for the land, with the intention of building a community health building, sports medicine facility, coffee shop and other small shops.

Engage is the name of Lakewood's community health outreach branch. The Engage portion of the building would host outreach offices, their food pharmacy and a community

learning lab to host health and nutrition education.

Lakewood has recently formed a partnership with Twin Cities Orthopedics for sports medicine, athletic training and physical therapy. The building would include space for these services, and the plan also calls for space for a coffee shop or restaurant, medical equipment retail, sleep study center, service provider space and space for other retail tenants.

The city council will again go into a closed meeting to discuss the land purchase offers at their Sept. 28 meeting.

Also at the Sept. 14 meeting, Public Works Director Scott Grabe said said the wastewater plant construction still doesn't have a completion timeline, with the middle of November the earliest it could likely be finished. Construction

delays have left the city concerned that the old waste water plant could have an equipment breakdown because of the extended use of the old plant. Grabe said there have not been any damages yet.

Grabe said the city is still in the warning phase for drought and asking customers to reduce water usage which had been requested by the Minnesota DNR.

In other news, the council

- Approved request from Knights of Columbus to conduct a raffle
- Approved tobacco and 3.2 alcohol off-sale license for Orton Motor, which is purchasing Speedway in Staples. They are planning to change it to a Holiday gas station.
- Approved resolution to amend TIF district for Cardinal Pines apartments expansion.

Todd County has 2nd lowest vaccination rate in state

While the COVID-19 surge is emerging in this area, Todd County has 47.8 percent of the population vaccinated, the second lowest rate of the state's 87 counties. Only Clearwater County, the Bagley area, has a lower vaccination rate. Wadena County is also among the lowest, at 49.6 percent.

In Todd County, 70.9 percent of people 65 and older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, compared to 93 percent of seniors statewide.

In the first week of September, 155 people were vaccinated in the county, with 147 vaccinated in the second week.

The COVID surge is continuing in the area with 30 new cases detected in Wadena for the week of Sept. 16-23, and 26 in Long Prairie. In that same week, Staples and Pillager each had 12 new cases, Verndale 7, Motley 6, and Browerville 4.

The extremely transmissible delta variant of the coronavirus now represents more than 99 percent of cases tracked in the country, according to the data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The number of COVID-19 deaths is starting to pick up in the local area. After a month with just one death in the four county region, Wadena County saw four deaths in a three week period, while Todd and Morrison county saw one death each. Cass County had three deaths in a six week period.



Benin reunion meets in Staples

Mark Crampton, far left, his wife Veronique, and the other Peace Corps volunteers to Benin, listen to one of their colleagues sing a song on the stage of the Batcher Block Opera House in Staples (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

years in the Peace Corps and became the US AID director in Afghanistan.

Their primary mission was grain storage and animal traction, but there were also some teachers and health advisors.

Just getting to their destination was a challenge. The airplane to west Africa had to turn around when they couldn't get the landing gear up. "When we were landing I saw a bunch of fire truck and ambulances, I thought See **CRAMPTON** on page 12a

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Sept. 9 - 15

Sept. 14 - The MPD received a report of an abandoned bicycle at the laundromat in Motley.

Sept. 13 - The MPD issued a citation to Nicholas Lussier, 39, for driving after revocation.

Sept. 13 - The MPD received a report of a gas drive-off at Holiday Station in Motley in the amount of \$65.24.

Sept. 11 - The MPD received a report that a woman had called 911 stating that a male subject was tracking and following her and she was now at the Motley Express gas station. Upon his arrival, the police chief spoke with the driver, who stated her ex-boyfriend was chasing her and her adult daughter across the country and he had brandished a handgun at them. Both the mother and daughter were reluctant to give any information and continually stated they needed help, asking for money for gas and lodging. After a long period of dealing with both subjects and speaking to them, it was determined that they were just driving across country from New York to California, using this story to obtain free assistance from women's shelters and police agencies and there was no evidence of anyone chasing after them. The women were advised to leave town, which they did.

Sept. 11 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Brian Koch, 54.

Sept. 9 - 10 - The MPD issued hands-free violations to Hannah Smith Froelke, 40; Stephanie Schubert, 42.

Sept. 9 - The MPD assisted Morrison County with a two-vehicle car accident at the 6500 block of 330th St., Cushing, with one person having head injuries.

Sept. 14 - The MCSO responded to a report of a fire at the 34000 block of

Hwy 10 in Motley, assisting the fire department.

Sept. 9 - The MCSO assisted the Stearns County Sheriff's Office with checking the listed location (34039 Hwy 10, Motley) for a stolen camper. Upon their arrival, deputies located the property owner, Thomas Brown and arrested him for an active Morrison County warrant. They also located the stolen camper along with a stolen truck. As the two company was assisting in removing the stolen vehicles, deputies made a second arrest of a female, Brittany Nelson, who had multiple active warrants.

Sept. 16 - 22

Sept. 22 - The MPD received a report of a theft at BBQ Smokehouse Plus in Motley.

Sept. 20 - While patrolling Motley, the MPD observed that someone had thrown rocks all over the skate pad at Ernie Converse Park. It was later discovered that someone had also vandalized both restrooms and ripped a cover from one of the outside outlets. The MPD will continue to review the surveillance video and speak to the parties involved.

Sept. 18 - The MPD arrested Kyle Burchett of Brainerd on a Crow Wing County warrant and transported to the Morrison County Jail.

Sept. 16 - The MPD issued a citation to John Rusch, 56, for unnecessary honking of a horn, no proof of insurance and careless driving.

Sept. 21 - The MCSO received a complaint from the Staples-Motley Middle School regarding an incident at 2345 Ridge Rd. in Motley (Camp Shamineau), regarding a juvenile.

Sept. 19 - The MCSO paged out Motley Fire and Rescue for a two vehicle accident in Cass County (Hwy 64), with injuries.

Sept. 19 - The MCSO received a report of property damage at the 300 block of Main St. W., Motley.

Sept. 18 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Emily Lene, 20.



Fall Festival fun in Motley



The Motley Free Methodist Church held their annual Fall Festival Sept. 15, with a variety of activities for all ages. Attendees enjoyed games, music, hayrides, a meal and other snacks. Pictured above eating supper are, from left, Jonathan Winter, Michelle Winter, Nathalie Hahne, and Christian Winter. The Winter family is from Staples and Nathalie, from Germany, is a foreign exchange student at Staples-Motley High School this year.

At left, sisters Belle and Rose Mevissen of Staples enjoyed eating cotton candy; and at right, Isabel Birkholtz of Motley tosses a bean bag. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Cardinal Spirit on parade

The Staples-Motley Cardinal mascot, along with a wagon-load of cheerleaders, were among the many

floats participating in the Homecoming Parade Sept. 24. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

THANK YOU

for making a difference!

Congratulations to these 5-Star employees



Missie Daniels, Executive Assistant
Nominated by Lisa Bjerga, CFO
"At the onset of the pandemic, Missie did not hesitate to step up and coordinate the volunteer mask and gown sewing efforts which resulted in hundreds of masks being sewed for Lakewood employees and patients. She not only coordinated the volunteer sewers, she too put in countless hours helping sew masks, gowns and surgical caps. As laundry volume increased, Missie volunteered time on weekends to come in and help the laundry department keep up. Missie did this role in addition to her regular tasks and would often be listening in on meetings to take minutes while also covering the screening station. Missie also provided assistance to the Care Center for their weekly testing by working at their check-in desk for prevalence testing. Missie was always willing to step up for any department that needed help and did so with a smile. Missie's commitment to Lakewood is admirable and demonstrates the true values of Lakewood. We are very fortunate to have her as part of the team."



Tina Stokes, Patient Access Rep.
Nominated Anonymously
"Since Covid hit, Tina has been going above and beyond for our patients. Between scheduling regular appointments or scheduling them for Covid related appointments, she is my go-to for a patient who would like their Covid vaccine scheduled or if I have any scheduling questions. Since the vaccine roll out, I hear her on the phone calling patients to get them scheduled as well as meeting the needs of our scheduled patients. Tina shows 5-Star service. She is demonstrating high quality care and compassion on a daily basis without even realizing she is doing it."



Stephanie Japke, Health Data LPN, and Brittany Koval, Clinic Health Data Secretary
Nominated by Debbie Foster and Janet Leehy, Home Health & Hospice Health Unit Coordinators
"We have many Home Care orders that require signatures and dates. The routine that Stephanie and Brittany have in getting the orders signed is like a well-oiled machine. When we receive a Hospice referral, we often need the orders signed quickly. Stephanie and Brittany work tirelessly at finding the location of the Medical Director and/or Attending Physician to have the orders signed. I have received several hospice referrals at the end of the workday and they still have a can-do attitude. Time is of the essence for our hospice patients and getting the standing orders signed quickly assures that they receive their medications for comfort. We are greatly appreciative of Stephanie and Brittany."



Sara Nelson, RN, Surgery
Nominated by Quality Committee
"Sara is a thorough and compassionate nurse who demonstrates every day that patient safety is the number one priority. She goes above and beyond for her patients, always double-checking safety protocols and plans before going into a surgery. She is responsive and has her patients' best interest in mind when making decisions. We are thankful for Sara and the steps she takes to ensure patients are safe at Lakewood Health System."



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BRICKS receives 'People's Choice' award

At Kinship Partner's annual 'Meatballs for Mentors' event in Staples this past August, the People's Choice award went to BRICKS Restaurant in Motley. A plaque was presented at BRICKS Sept. 23. Pictured above, from left, are Pat Brichacek, restaurant owner; Angie Meyers, cook at BRICKS who made the meatballs; Rosie Blessing, on the Kinship Partners board of directors; and Amy Gray, Executive Director of Kinship Partners from

the Brainerd office.

Over \$900 was raised during the Meatballs for Mentors event. Kinship Partners is a nonprofit youth mentoring organization providing positive role models to youth in Crow Wing County, southern Cass County and the Staples/Motley area since 1986. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

Sept. 26, 1946 - Mr. and Mrs. Asa R. Taylor of Pali-sades, Calif., were in Staples last weekend visting with old friends. They stopped here while enroute on a motor tour of several weeks.

Mrs. Taylor was the first born girl in Staples, in the home now owned by Otto Tronson at 414 Fifth Street North. Mrs. Taylor's father was Dr. Samuel E. Ellis, who was the first doctor to prac-tice in this city.

At the time of the fami-ly's removal from Staples, Mrs. Taylor was aged three years, and she had not been back here, to the place of

Compiled by
Dawn Timbs

her birth, since the family left.

Sept. 26, 1946 - The Selective Training and Ser-vice Act still requires young men 18 years of age to reg-ister on their 18th birthday, even though they are not liable for training and ser-vice until they reach the age of 19 years, Colonel J. E. Nelson, announced last week.

Sept. 26, 1946 - A clipping taken from the Pocatello, Idaho, newspa-per, tells about the famous piano artist George Miller, a nephew of Clyde Miller of Staples. The clipping is as follows:

A new record album featuring the fine piano playing of George Miller of Pocatello has just been released by the Turntable Recording company of Los Angeles. The album consists of two records - four sides, recorded under the Corax label on which George plays several numbers by some of America's leading com-posers. George Gershwin's "Island in the West Indies" is a number whose rhythm will captivate the listener with its intricacies. On the reverse side is Roger's and Hart's "Glad to Be Unhappy," a lovely, moody melody in which Miller makes superb use of dynamics and his flawless technique to make this tune a study in beauty.

A native of Brainerd, George Miller has visited his relatives in Staples on



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Sept. 30, 1971 edi-tion. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are

from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Fri-day morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

several occasions.

Sept. 26, 1946 - A wildly cheering crowd of 1350 people saw the Staples Car-dinal football team win from the highly rated Alexandria eleven on the Staples grid-iron Friday evening of last week, when the Cards took a 6 to 0 lead early in the open-ing minutes of the game and maintained this lead throughout the entire game, with there never being any great threat by the visitors.

Sept. 26, 1946 - Taxi Ser-vice PHONE 555 in Staples, located at the St. Charles Hotel. Two cars available.

50 YEARS Ago - 1971

Sept. 30, 1971 - Dennis H. Tyrrell, 1968 Staples High School graduate, has been nominated to receive the American Farmer Degree, the highest degree pre-sented by the National FFA organization.

Tyrrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tyrrell of rural Browerville. He is currently farming in part-nership with his father and also attending the Univer-

sity of Minnesota, where he is a senior in mechanized agriculture.

Sept. 30, 1971 - Tears of joy rolled down the cheeks of lovely Karin Pipek as she was crowned the 1971 Home-coming Queen of Staples high school at the corona-tion ceremonies Sept. 23.

Hundreds of students and adults packed the Sta-ples Auditorium to witness the various skits, the pep fest and then the anxious moment when the Cardinal Football Co-captains, Allen Huff and Tim Rach, stepped forward and placed the crown upon the head of the shocked Miss Pipek. Trevor Lundgren and Renee Des-Marais were crownbearers. Queen Karin is the daugh-ter of Mr. and Mrs. George Pipek.

Sept. 30, 1971 - The homecoming jinx of the Staples Cardinals contin-ued last Friday evening as a band of Long Prairie Indi-ans came to town and recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter and then marched on for a touchdown and an eventual 16 to 14 conquest.

Homecoming appar-ently has not been a bright spot in the Cardinal books during the past 26 years for during that span, dating back to 1946, Staples has won 5 homecoming games, lost 19 and tied 2. Their last win came in 1965 when they downed Wadena 19 to 0.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

Sept. 26, 1996 - A Pil-lager woman was killed in a three-vehicle accident Monday evening on Hwy 210 in Pillager.

According to the Minne-sota State Patrol in Brainerd, Arlean Long, 63, of Pillager died in the accident at 6:37 p.m. at the intersection of Hwy 210 and Cass County Road 1 (River Street). Long was pronounced dead at the scene.

Two cars and one semi were involved in the acci-dent. Long, who was west-bound, was making a left turn into Pillager when she was struck by the semi headed east. At the time of the accident, she was returning home from the Brainerd Hospital where she worked as a volunteer.

Sept. 26, 1996 - Cardinal varsity girls tennis players won Mid-State All Con-ference honors in the recent Mid-State Conference tour-

nament included Staci Yoder, Julie Vogel, Katie Peterson, Carlee Noska and Shannon Hoffman.

Sept. 26, 1996 - The Sta-ples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce recently pre-sented "welcome" certi-ficates to the following new businesses in Staples: Met-zler Locksmith Shop, owned by Mike Metzler; Morris Jacobson Enterprises, spe-cializing in embroidery of sweatshirts, etc.; and David Paulson Insurance Agency.

Sept. 26, 1996 - The Cardinal girls swimmers finished third in a three-way meet last Tuesday to Melrose and Detroit Lakes, but two new school records were set by two Cardinal swimmers.

Sarah Powell swam the 200 yard freestyle race in 2 minutes, 18.45 seconds, four seconds ahead of her closest competitor. The old school mark was 2:36.48 was set a year ago by Erin Sauer.

Darcy Reese captured a fourth place in the 100-yard breast stroke race, claiming a new school record with a time of 1 minute, 23.92 sec-onds.

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

Sept. 29, 2011 - Staples Motley 2011 Homecoming candidates include Nick Forsberg, Robyn Capistrant, Justin Ziegler, Lynnea Iver-son, Aaron Carter, Jenna Ziegler, Arnie Dvorak, Tayler Klimek, Guthrie Coughlin and Paige Klimek.

Sept. 29, 2011 - Fifteen Staples and Motley ele-mentary students will have a chance to explore their artistic interests by signing up for the Afterschool Art Adventure, to be taught by Staples Elementary teacher Gwen Landis.

Landis was awarded a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council to start the class. Local award-winning artists Joyce Landis, Pam Collins, Fred Landis and Jean Tidhome will be a part of the project to share their skills with students.

Sept. 29, 2011 - Local band "Aitas" performed in semi final competition at the Sept. 19 Station 4 Red Vinyl Media's Battle of the Bands and advanced to the finals. Band members Chris O'Brien, Ethan Fleisher, Andrew Capistrant and Wyatt Schwichtenberg will perform at Station 4, St. Paul, on Dec. 12.

Start planning 2021 deer hunting

With the release of the online version of the 2021 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations hand-book, hunters can read up on what's new to prepare for this year's deer hunting season. The handbook is now available on the Min-nesota Department of Nat-ural Resources' deer hunting webpage. Printed copies of the handbook will be deliv-ered to hunting license vendors the first week of August.

Hunting licenses went on sale Sunday, Aug. 1, and are available at any DNR license agent, by telephone at 888-665-4236, or online. Archery deer season opens Saturday, Sept. 18, and firearms deer season opens Saturday, Nov. 6.

"For the 2021 season, hunt-ers may harvest more than one deer in almost half of the permit areas," said Bar-bara Keller, DNR big game program leader. "Overall, bag-limit designations for this year are similar to last year, with a few changes in certain areas to move popu-lations toward goal."

One of the changes this year is a shift to a five-deer bag limit in areas that were previously under an unlim-ited antlerless bag limit. The unlimited antlerless bag limit was traditionally used to increase harvest and reduce deer densities to limit disease spread in dis-ease management zones and manage urban deer issues in the metro deer permit area.

While few hunters take more than two deer in these areas, the unlimited dis-ignation concerned some hunters, who felt its purpose was to greatly diminish deer populations in these areas. The move to five-deer limit responds to these concerns, while not appreciably alter-ing harvest levels and thus the DNR's ability to meet management goals.

Hunters also should be aware that mandatory sam-pling of deer harvested in chronic wasting disease zones will resume this year and that those zones have expanded following detec-tions of the disease in wild and captive deer. In the northern part of the state, deer permit areas 184, 110, 197 and a portion of deer permit area 169 have been added to the chronic wast-ing disease (CWD) surveil-lance zone, following CWD detections in a farmed deer facility in Beltrami County this spring. Deer permit areas 233 and 342, located between the south metro area and the southeastern corner of the state, have also been added to the CWD surveillance zone due to

additional detections of CWD-positive deer within the management zone.

Other Changes

This year, the DNR is changing the names of bag-limit designations to make the bag limits more clear. The one-deer limit categories are "bucks only," "antlerless permit lottery" (formerly "lottery") and "either-sex" (formerly "hunter choice"). "Managed" is now "two-deer limit," and "intensive" is now "three-deer limit." The bag limit descriptions remain unchanged, except for the "unlimited antlerless" des-ignation, which has been replaced with a "five-deer limit" designation.

The DNR has expanded the early antlerless deer season, Oct. 21-24, to include more deer permit areas in central and southeastern Minnesota. The season increases opportunities for hunters in areas where deer populations are above population goals or where there is an increased risk of CWD spreading. Hunters can apply for an antlerless permit any time between Sunday, Aug. 1, and Thurs-day, Sept. 9.

Late chronic wasting dis-ease hunts are scheduled for Dec. 17-19 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2; additional details will be posted on the DNR website closer to hunt dates.

The Camp Ripley archery hunt will be a single, three-day hunt (Oct. 29-31), instead of two, two-day hunts. Applicants must apply for the Camp Ripley lottery by Aug. 20.

Additional hunting opportunities, including the annual youth deer season from Oct. 21-24 and special hunts, are listed on the deer hunting webpage.

CWD testing in disease zones

With COVID-19 social dis-tancing recommendations having eased, chronic wast-ing disease testing will be mandatory in CWD zones on the opening weekends of both firearms A and B sea-sons for any deer older than 1 year. Last year, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the DNR used a voluntary sampling approach without staffed stations.

CWD zones consist of deer permit areas where disease management actions are in place. This year, the DNR has simplified the names into three tiers: management zone, control zone and surveillance zone. Hunters should refer to the regulations book to see if their deer permit area is within one of these zones, where special disease regu-lations apply.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the July 3, 1980 edition of the Staples World, featured Amy Hjelmeland (as Maria) singing to Don Vogt (as Captain Von Trapp) in the Bertha Area Community Theatre's presentation of "The Sound of Music."

Former Staples resident Amy (Hjelmeland) Hunter, now of Richmond, remembered being in this musical with Don Vogt in 1980. She believed a Lester girl from Staples (possibly Tawnya?) was also part of the cast. Andrea (Schimpp) Carlson, 1985 Staples High School graduate, now of Decorah, Iowa, recognized Vogt, who came on staff at North Ele-mentary when she was in second grade. He wasn't her homeroom teacher, but Andrea recalled that Mr. Vogt played guitar in the classroom on occasion. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Townships urged to apply for funds

From the Minnesota Association of Townships

The Minnesota Asso-ciation of Townships is reminding and urging every township and township offi-cial to apply for their share of the "American Rescue Plan Act" funding, which is due by October 4, 2021. Townships then will have around three years (until December 31, 2024), to make spending decisions on the

allocation of funds.

ARPA was signed into law on March 21, 2021, by President Biden to provide stimulus and funding for COVID-19 responses for individuals, businesses, and government entities. Min-nesota's townships will receive a portion of the \$350 million provided to the state's towns and cities with a population under 50,000, but not more than 75 per-cent of their 2019 budget.

Minnesota Association

of Townships Executive Director Jeff Krueger said, "Every township should make sure to apply for these funds ASAP - and the Min-nesota Association of Town-ships is here to help. These dollars are meant to help your community and it is wise to apply now, as spend-ing decisions can then be determined in the coming years."

Permitted spending cat-egories include responses to COVID-19 pandemic,

premium pay to essential employees, lost revenue replacement, and infra-structure investment.

For more information and to apply, townships officials should visit the Minnesota Association of Townships website at www.MNTOWNSHIPS.org for the special "ARPA" page with details, call the MAT office at (800) 228-0296, or email info@mntownships.org.

Staples Residents: Save yourself \$10

•NOTICE•

Parking Restriction

(odd/even parking reminder)

Effective Oct. 1, 2021

THE CITY OF STAPLES

odd/even Parking Ordinance is in effect Oct. 1 and implements a calendar - or odd/even type - parking. The Ordinance is based on Street and Avenue house numbers. Even numbers are on the East side of Streets and the South side of Avenues. Odd numbered houses are on the West side of Streets and the North side of Avenues.

Vehicles may only park on the even side of Streets and Avenues on even days of the calendar, and may only park on the odd side of Streets and Avenues on odd days of the calendar. This Ordinance is in effect from Oct. 1st to May 1st and from 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m.

You must remember to park according to the calendar date as of midnight. Vehicles violating this Ordinance will be ticketed nightly, regardless of the weather. During snow removal periods, vehicles may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. This does not affect the downtown 2:00 a.m.-6 a.m. zones.

FOR EXAMPLE: If you live at 450 7th Street NE and arrive home at 8:00 p.m. on Oct. 1st, you must park your car on the even side of the Street or Avenue by midnight because that will be Oct. 2nd, an even day of the calendar.

For questions, call city hall or 800-794-5733.

Staples Police Department

The purpose of the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame

By Mike Hajek
Chairman, Athletic Hall of Fame Committee
(Remarks before this year's ceremony)

Before we begin our celebration this evening, allow me to ask a question that may have crossed your mind. Why have we gathered to honor our past athletes, coaches and teams? Even our inductees will surely agree, there is no lagging need to recognize long past athletic achievements. So what is the real purpose of the Athletic Hall of Fame program?

Let me assure you, our purpose and intent are pure. Without a doubt, we are here tonight to recall our schools' amazing athletic achievements. Achievements that bonded us together with bursting community pride. We are here to recall the times when we all collectively cheered for our hero athletes, coaches and teams. We are also here to honor the high-level commitment it took for our athletes and coaches to rise to an uncommon level of success. We are here tonight to celebrate an athletic legacy. A legacy that lives on today through our Cardinal pride. A level of pride that contributes to our identity as a school and has molded us into better communities.

There is no doubt about our intent to individually honor our inductees this evening, but more importantly, we honor the stories of their athletic careers. It's our inductees' stories that are truly relevant for today. Stories that live on to make up our athletic legacy.

But there is yet a deeper purpose to our Athletic Hall of Fame program. A deeper reason why have we gathered here tonight. Our purpose is not only to celebrate the athletic careers of our inductees, but to pass the torch of athletic commitment on to the next generation of athletes, coaches and teams. To pay it forward so to speak.

With the help of our inductees and their stories, we will be encouraging and inspiring the next generation of athletes and coaches. Inspiring them to take their athletics to a higher level of commitment. A level of commitment that will lead them to take their place on this Hall of Fame stage. They will then have the opportunity to pay it forward to others. Tonight, we have the opportunity and maybe the obligation, to retrace the pathways of our athletic legacy; so the stories of our legacy may be leveraged by others.

The one element of life we can all be sure of is this; "Time fades everything... except what we value... and choose to recall". Up until our state level success had been recalled and tallied, there was a good chance our success and athletic legacy, would have faded from recent memories of today. By any measurement, our schools, athletes and coaches have truly achieved an amazing level of athletic success, creating a legacy that lives on and sets the standard for others. Our legacy needs to be leveraged and not overlooked and forgotten.

The story of our athletics is now told everyday through our recently constructed Cardinal Pride sign, proudly displayed at the stop light intersection in Staples. For those who travel through our community, our Cardinal Pride sign tells a story that leaves no doubt of our athletic legacy and the Cardinal Pride in our schools. As a comparison, there's not another school in the state of Minnesota, outside of the metro area, that has earned more team state championships then we have. Those are uncommon achievements we can all be proud of.

Tonight, we also recognize the Hall of Fame torch and the energy surrounding our all of our athletic programs and success. The flame of the torch is symbolically held high by our inductees, reflecting a bright glow on the long-term value of our high school athletic programs. Don't ever let anyone convince you that high school athletics doesn't have an impact on who our athletes and coaches have become.

As we gather at our reception this evening many stories will be told of our high school athletics, both wins and losses. There will be a clear pathway to how those experiences have led to professional careers. Without exception, our athletes have earned professional careers are contributing to organizations and communities all across this country. The relevance of those stories, are critical to the foundation of our Hall of Fame program. The Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is proud to be a part of inspiring the next generation of athletes and coaches.

As we go into this evening, let's commit to how our evening will end. Let's collectively fan the flames of our athletic legacy and leave no doubt how much we value the commitment and success of our athletes and coaches. Let's leave no doubt, what the pride of our communities is all about.

Time will always be the enemy of our memories ...but not tonight. Tonight, we choose to recall and relive the stories of our inductees. Stories that are at the foundation of our athletic legacy, and stories that have contributed to who we are as a school and who our coaches and athletes have become.

Let's encourage the next generation of athletes and coaches and the stories, that have yet to be created. Let's celebrate our athletic legacy tonight. A legacy that we all value as a proud part of our identity as communities.

Kay Martin says, 'Thanks for the Memories'

By Kay Martin

April 23, 2021 was my last day as a resident of Staples. Why has it taken me until September to say good-bye to all you dear friends, former students and people I've met along the way? Because goodbyes are hard... for me...maybe for you, too. Then Covid prevented me from saying a proper good-bye to almost everyone, which I would've done in person, or maybe even at a party. As it was, I slipped out quietly and headed for my hometown of New Ulm, in southern Minnesota.

How long did I live in Staples? In July, 1988, I interviewed at what was then, North Elementary, in Staples, for a teaching job that was to be an Art Teacher and Title I Reading and Math teacher. I was hired and moved to Staples in August, 1988, starting my 33 years in Staples. The first two years in Staples were a bit CRAZY as we had to move four times and I had a baby (Darcy) during the last move, into the home I eventually lived in for 31 years, on Third St. NE. So many friends supported us through those difficult two years of moving, pregnancy and a new baby. Thank you. You know who you are.

In 1993, the Staples community loved me through another very difficult time, when I became suddenly single and was diagnosed with breast cancer, at the same time. Again, the outpouring of love was amazing and I thank you for that...and again, you know who you are. Bless you for supporting me and helping to hold my (and Darcy's) life together. My school family and church family



Kay Martin

were so strong for me, when I was not able to be strong. Thank you. You know who you are.

In 1998, I decided to begin to do foster care, because I wanted more children. Darcy begged for a sister (which she didn't get). November 21, 1998, a tiny, two-month-old baby boy was brought to my home and placed on my couch (and into my heart). His name, Matthew. That day began years of love and support from even more of the Staples community, which continues to this day. Matthew is a very special fellow. It has taken many, many very generous and loving people helping our family to bring Matthew through the last 23 years. From the schools, churches, City of Staples, the police and the community as a whole, thank you. You know who you are.

My career in Staples was very blessed. Most of the students LOVED art class, loved creating and most even liked getting messy. It was fun and rewarding to eventually teach the children of former students. Parents...thank you for the privilege I had of teaching your children. In 28 years of teaching, I was very sup-

ported and encouraged by you parents. It was an honor having some of you and / or your children in art class from kindergarten through fifth grade years, and it was very fun to enjoy watching the children as they grew up.

I retired in 2016, at the age of 62, with a few health problems and I was kind of tired. Then began my next phase of life. Maybe you are asking yourself, "So why did she move?" Moving was always in the back of my head...I just didn't know when or where. The main reason I had looked for a job in the Staples area was because my parents had a lake cabin north of Hackensack I wanted to be near. After I moved to Staples, the cabin was sold and gone from my life. I felt pretty isolated in Staples, from my children and extended family, who are nearly all in the Cities. So, I decided I would move closer to my children, who are now in Chaska and Eden Prairie. Also, during Covid lockdown in May 2020, I decided I wasn't living my best life and it was time to shape up. I started eating low carb and exercising - A LOT. In seven months, I lost 120 pounds and felt like a new person... so I was ready for a possible new adventure in life.

The idea of life in the Cities, near my children, did not appeal to me, so I decided to move one hour from Matthew, back to where I was born and grew up, in New Ulm. It's been a big adjustment, but many wonderful things have happened here in New Ulm, a town of 14,000. There are some nice opportunities for me to continue working part time at things I

love. There's an 1860 renovated hotel called "The Grand Center for Arts and Culture" that runs classes for kids and adults all year long, so I've been teaching there. I've taught two weeks of "Kid's Art Camp", two "Barn Quilt" classes with adults so far and will continue to spread the love of barn quilts through classes in the future. I hope to develop a Barn Quilt Trail like the one in and around Staples. The city of New Ulm also has a newly remodeled recreation center with a brand-new aquatic center attached to it. I've been hired by the City of New Ulm as a fitness instructor for the senior fitness classes and I'm also starting to teach my "Water Dance" pool aerobics class in September. God has blessed me richly with a nice, affordable home, good friends and part time work I love. Many people have taken the time to stop and tell me they knew my mom or dad, and what they meant to them. These are wonderful moments. My father was the radiologist here for 30 years and Mom was the first woman voted on to the city council, so they both left their mark. I cherish my 33 years of memories in Staples and I am looking forward to making many more cherished memories in New Ulm. So, I end by saying (or singing) a huge "Thanks for the Memories" to Staples, my school family, former students, my church family, my "Pool Pals", Lakewood Health System, many businesses and so many of you I call friends. I do come back to visit...I hope I get to see some of you now and then.

Drug overdoses increase despite fewer opioid prescriptions

From the Minnesota Medical Association

For the 10th consecutive year, opioid prescribing has decreased, yet more Americans than ever are dying from a drug-related overdose, according to a report released Sept. 21 by the American Medical Association (AMA).

Minnesota's opioid prescription rate went down 6.5 percent from 2019 to 2020. In the last decade, opioid prescribing decreased by 50.7 percent in Minnesota. Meanwhile, drug-related overdoses went up.

"Minnesota prescribers have rightly changed their practices to prescribe opioids more judiciously; unfortunately, drug-related overdoses and deaths remain a crisis in Minnesota and the nation," said Marilyn Peitso, MD, president of the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA). "Continued work is needed to save lives."

To address the continuing epidemic, the MMA and the AMA are urging policymakers to join physicians to reduce mortality and improve patient outcomes by removing barriers to evidence-based care. The AMA report shows that overdoses and deaths are spiking even as physicians and other prescribers have greatly increased the use of prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs), the electronic databases that track controlled substance prescriptions and help identify patients who may be receiving multiple prescriptions from multiple prescribers. The report shows that prescribers and pharmacists used state PDMPs more than 910 million times in 2020.

Yet, Minnesota - like nearly every other state in the nation - continues to see increases in overdoses mainly due to illicit fentanyl, fentanyl analogs, methamphetamine and cocaine,

according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In addition, state public health, media and other reports compiled by the AMA show that the drug-related overdoses and deaths have worsened in Minnesota and nationally. Research and data from the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Indian Health Service underscore the continued challenges and inequities for Black, Latino and American Indian/Native Alaskan populations.

Actions that states can take

The AMA and the MMA urge policymakers to act now:

Stop prior authorization for medications to treat opioid use disorder. Prior authorization is a cost-control process that health insurance companies and other payers use that requires providers to obtain prior approval from the insurer or payer before performing a service or obtaining a prescription. It is used to deny and delay services - including life-saving ones - as physicians are required to fill out burdensome forms and patients are forced to wait for approval.

Ensure access to affordable, evidence-based care for patients with pain, including opioid therapy when indicated. While opioid prescriptions have decreased, the AMA and the MMA are greatly concerned by widespread reports of patients with pain being denied care because of arbitrary restrictions on opioid therapy or a lack of access to affordable non-opioid pain care.

Take action to better support harm reduction services such as naloxone and needle and syringe exchange services. These proven harm reduction strategies save lives but are often stigmatized.

Improve the data by collecting adequate, standardized data to identify and treat at-risk populations and better understand the issues facing communities. Effective public health interventions require robust data, and there are too many gaps to implement widespread interventions that work.

The Minnesota Medical Association is a non-profit professional association representing physicians, residents and medical students.

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Quote of the week

“This is a new era for U.S.A golf. They’re young, they come with a lot of passion, a lot of energy, and a lot of game.”
— U.S. captain Steve Stricker after winning Ryder Cup

Quote of the week

“Fans don’t boo nobodies.”
— Reggie Jackson

Student Achievements

SAWYER KALLROOS, Pil-lager, recently graduated from Northwest Technical College in Bemidji, with a diploma in residential plumbing/hvac.

CHRISTOPHER HOLST, Staples, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2021 Dean's List. To qualify, students must accumulate an academic grade point average of at least 3.5 and earn 12 credits for the term.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Brittany Janke and Tyler Bertram of Pillager, a baby boy, Porter Shawn weighing five pounds, 13 ounces on September 7, 2021.

Born to Murren Even and Codey Velarde of Staples, a baby boy, Jasper Corbin Allen weighing eight pounds, three ounces on September 18, 2021.

Born to Rachael and Cory Oehlke of Wadena, a baby boy, Camden Cory weighing seven pounds, four ounces on September 18, 2021.

Born to Marlee and Michael Hoppe of Baxter, a baby boy, Baron William weighing eight pounds, five ounces on September 19, 2021.

Born to Elizabeth and Nathan Wiese of Verndale, a baby boy, Kaleb Anthony weighing eight pounds, four ounces on September 19, 2021.

Born to Mariah and Ryan Kent of Laporte, a baby boy, Carsen William weighing seven pounds, one ounce on September 20, 2021.

Born to Allison and Mark Anson of Wadena, a baby girl, Eliana Linda weighing seven pounds, two ounces on September 21, 2021.

Born to Mikaela Hall and Matthew Pepper of Pine River, a baby girl, Huxley Rose weighing six pounds, eight ounces on September 22, 2021.

Born to Janelle and Lee Peterson of Pillager, a baby boy, Aeden Lee weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on September 23, 2021.

Obituary

Mary Jane Lingenfelter

Mary Jane Lingenfelter, 76, of Staples, passed away September 20, 2021, at the Lakewood Care Center in Staples.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples with a gathering of family and friends from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Mary Jane was born June 25, 1945 to Ruth (Dorsey) and Clarence Holton in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

She retired after many years of service at Lakewood Health Care System in Staples.

She is survived by her husband, Ken; three sons, Jay Lingenfelter of Brainerd, Kirk (Carmen) Lingenfelter of Nisswa and Joel (Tomasena) Lingenfelter of Staples; 10 grandchildren, Deborah (Ross) Moerschell, Danielle Lingenfelter, Emma Lingenfelter, Keaton Lingenfelter, Maddie Lingenfelter, Hudson Lingen-



felter, Christian Lambert, Sienna (Mitchell) Reed, Ethan Lingenfelter and Abigail Lingenfelter; three great-grandchildren, Isaac, Xzavyor and Aloisa and one sister, Nancy (Mitchell) Hogg.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Rosemary.

Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

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Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongouccstaples@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
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 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
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320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night.....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
January - July.....9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
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Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley
Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 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. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 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
City. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Matthew 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.

Hewitt
Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
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 Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups.....6:30-8 p.m.

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.

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

"Two Horses"

Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

-Author Unknown

There is a certain field in Kentucky with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind horse know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two horses, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind

horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray.

When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally to look back, making sure that the blind horse isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owner of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way. Good friends are like that... You may not always see them, but you know they are always there. Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours.

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Klefsaas, Schultz power Cardinal Homecoming win

Sivert Klefsaas scored three touchdowns and Isaiah Schultz scored one to lead the Staples-Motley football team to a 26-18 win over Pillager in their Homecoming game Sept. 24. Schultz also passed for 103 yards.

The game opened with two quick scores for the Cardinals. Schultz had an eight yard run and then Klefsaas broke free for a 65 yard run to take a 12-0 lead.

But Pillager ran the kickoff back for a touchdown and added another score to tie the game at 12 going into halftime.

In the second half, Staples-Motley took the lead again on a 15 yard run by Klefsaas. Once again Pillager tied it with a kickoff return touchdown to make the score 18-18. In the fourth quarter, Klefsaas scored his

third touchdown and the Cardinals added the two point conversion for a 26-18 lead, which held up until the end.

Klefsaas finished the game with 15 runs for 125 yards and Schultz ran 14 times for 55 yards.

Schultz completed 14 of 31 passes, including six to Chandler Braith, two to Corey Hansen, two to Dayton Anderson and three to Eli Carlson.

Defensively, Caleb Jasmer played a big role in limiting Pillager to 139 rushing yards. He had six solo tackles and eight assists, including one tackle for loss. Klefsaas had four solo tackles and nine assists, Sam Opheim had two solos and six assists. Braith had five total tackles, with two tackles for loss.



Turning the corner

Sivert Klefsaas gets around the defense on his way to the end zone. (Photos by Jeremy Moulton)



Bringing home hardware

Medal winners at the Litchfield tournament, from left, Allison Knosalla, Elizabeth DiGiovanni, Lauren Rutten and Ronnie Noska. (Submitted photo)

Tennis team faces strong competition

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team played well against big school competition finishing fourth at the Litchfield Invitational on Sept. 25. The Cardinals also played well in a loss to Pequot Lakes on Sept. 23.

Team results

Litchfield Invitational:
Delano 33, Owatonna 23, Annandale 21, Staples-Motley 20, Litchfield 20, St. Peter 15, Crookston 15, Benson 2

#1 Singles: Lauren Rutten 2-1, 2nd place

#2 Singles: Allison Knosalla 2-1, 5th place

#3 Singles: Ronnie Noska 2-1, 2nd place

#4 Singles: Elizabeth DiGiovanni 3-0, 1st place

#1 Dbles: Georgia Kruchten/Kenzie Erickson 1-2, 7th place

#2 Dbles: Amy Rollins/Corinne Olson 1-2, 6th place

#3 Dbles: Heidi Zimmerman/Madison Perius 0-3, 8th place

SM 1, Pequot Lakes 6

Singles: Rutten (L) 1-5, 3-6;

Knosalla (L) 1-6, 0-6; Noska (L) 2-6, 3-6; DiGiovanni (W) 6-3, 7-5

Doubles: Kruchten/Erickson (L) 0-6, 3-6; Rollins/Olson (L) 6-7 (4-7), 5-7; Zimmerman/Perius (L) 5-7, 0-6.



Rushing past the line

Isaiah Schultz takes off on a scramble behind the blocking from Dominic Gomez (60).

Cardinals race Griak against national foes

The Staples-Motley cross country teams competed in the highest level meet in Minnesota, The Roy Griak Invitational at the University of Minnesota on Sept. 24. The Cardinals faced top runners and teams from multiple states, including Kentucky, Kansas and all the states surrounding Minnesota. The field included nationally ranked runners and teams.

With the number of runners and extremely hilly course, the Griak race usually produces slower times. Cardinal Coach Bruce Furhman said both the boys and girls teams ran very well

in the big meet, especially since some of the runners were coming off illnesses and they all had been busy with homecoming week.

The boys team did not start fast and got caught up in the big crowd, leaving them to make up ground during the race. Furhman said the girls team did start where they expected, so their score was closer to where he hoped they would be.

Team results

University of Minnesota Roy Griak Invitational

Girls results: Sta-

ples-Motley 23rd of 45 teams
70. Kyanna Burton 20:22, 89. Aften Robinson 20:48, 132. Audrey Brownell 21:17, 199 Bella Hines 22:04, 201. Ashley Robben 22:05, 377. Sophie Schlosser 24:25, 383. Addisyn Cichos 24:52, 387. Suhaila Mikhaeil 25:09

Boys results: Staples-Motley 42nd of 47 teams

115. Issiah Tabatt 17:46, 196. Luke Brownell 18:24, 204. Lyle Brownell 18:28, 327. Grant Johnson 19:17, 408. Logan Robben 20:28, 419. Will Dolezal 20:45, 426. Odin Trif 20:58, 444. Elijah Greenwaldt 23:51, 445. Gabe Kroll 23:55



Bella Hines



Lyle Brownell



Kyanna Burton



Ashley Robben



Grant Johnson

Three straight wins for SM volleyball team

The Staples-Motley volleyball team had three wins in one week, starting with a 3-0 win at Little Falls on Sept. 20. The Cardinals overcame a hard-hitting New York Mills team 3-1 on Sept. 21, after dropping the first set and on Sept. 23, they took Aitkin 3-0, moving their Mid State Conference record to 2-1 and a 14-4 overall record.

Team results
SM 3, Little Falls 0
25-14, 25-18, 25-19
Leah Bestland: ace-1, assists-29, digs-14,
Emilya Case: kills-4, digs-6
Klaire Story: kills-2, blocks-2, dig-1
Morgan Becker: kills-17, digs-20
Bo Erholtz: kills-9, blocks-3, digs-9
Grace Jennissen: block-1, dig-1, kill-1
Steffany Sullivan: digs-13
Jayce Kobliska: ace 1, digs-15
Ellie Moulton: ace-1, digs-2

Maggie Claussen: aces-2, assist-1, digs-43
SM 3, New York Mills 1
11-25, 25-16, 25-22, 25-21
Bestland: aces-2, assists-28, kills-2, digs-7
Becker: kills-11, blocks-3, digs-14
Claussen: assists-4, digs-18
Erholtz: kills-12, blocks-3, digs-8
Storry: kills-3 blocks-3 digs-3
Jennissen: kills-1, blocks-2
Kobliska: aces-2, digs-6
Case: assists-1, kills-4, digs-2
Moulton: aces-3 assist-1, digs-3
Sullivan: kills-1, digs-2
SM 3, Aitkin 0
25-19, 25-13, 25-21
Bestland: aces-3, assists-32, kills-2, digs-7
Becker: kills-16, blocks-1, digs-32
Claussen: assists-2, digs-47
Storry: ace-1, kills-6, digs-6
Case: kills-3
Kobliska: ace-1, digs-11
Erholtz: kills-7
Jennissen: kills-2, digs-1
Moulton: digs-4
Sullivan: digs-10



Maggie Claussen hits a back row spike.



One more point for the Cardinals

Members of the Staples-Motley volleyball team cheered after scoring another point during their second game against the New York Mills Eagles Sept. 21. Pictured at their home court, from left, are Maggie Claussen, Jayce Kobliska, Emilyya Case, Bo Erholtz and Leah Bestland. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Volleyball action

Left, Klaire Story hammers a spike against New York Mills. Above, Jayce Kobliska returns a serve. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Milestone moment

Staples-Motley senior Leah Bestland, right, celebrated her 500th set-assist at the Cardinals home volleyball game Sept. 21, at which they defeated New York Mills. Leah, one of the team captains, is pictured with her mom and coach, Gretchen Bestland. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Cheering on the teams

Little Cardinal Cheerleaders perform at the Football Under the Lights event. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Golden Gopher

Staples-Motley graduate Emmet Anderson, center, runs for the Minnesota Gophers in the college portion of the Roy Griak Invitational. Anderson finished the 8K (5 mile) race in 100th place in 26:18.

Earlier this season he ran in a Division III race at St. Olaf and finished in third place in 25:37. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Halftime entertainment

Little Cardinal Cheerleaders have fun during the halftime program of the Homecoming football game. (Photo by Jeremy Moulton)



NOTICES

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Card of Thanks

My wife, Judy, has been gone for two years now, the 26th of September. On behalf of my son and three daughters, the grandkids and great-grandkids, I want to thank the doctor who spent more time with me and my family than he had to. Also, the nurses who made Judy's last three days on earth as comfortable as possible. I'm sorry I can't remember names, but they know who they are. Thank you to all of Judy's family and neighbors who were there at the hospital when she left us. Also, to the hospital Chaplain and Priest who gave her Last Rites. God bless you all.

Gary Stevenson
40p

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Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, will be cleaning up the cemetery beginning Oct. 1, 2021. Flowers and containers should be cleaned up by this time. Also, any holiday decorations must be removed 10 days after the holiday.

Bob Reeck, Sec./Treas. 39-40pnc

TODD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING
2022 COUNTY FEE
SCHEDULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) of Todd County, Minnesota (the “County”), will hold a Public Hearing of the Board beginning

at 9:15 a.m., on October 5, 2021, to be held at the Todd County Historic Court-house, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, to solicit public input in order to determine the 2022 County Fee Schedules for the County Departments including but not limited to: Administration, Attorney, Assessor, Auditor-Treasurer, Environmental Health, GIS/MIS, Health & Human Services, Planning & Zoning, Public Works, Recorder, Sheriff and Solid Waste (Transfer Station).

The proposed 2022 County Fee Schedule is available on the Todd County website at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/> and at the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, located at 215 1st Avenue South, Suite 201 Long Prairie, MN during regular business hours.

All interested persons

are invited to attend the hearing in-person or submit written testimony prior to the hearing date. Written testimony should be submitted to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 215 1st Avenue South, Suite 201 Long Prairie, MN 56347 or by email to clerk@co.todd.mn.us. Individuals requiring special accommodations should contact the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office prior to the date of the public hearing by calling 320-732-4414.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TODD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Denise Gaida, County Auditor/Treasurer
Clerk to the County Board 38-40pnc

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Staples-Motley

School Board Minutes

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ISD #2170
STAPLES-MOTLEY
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #2
August 23, 2021,
6 p.m.,
District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Freeman, B. Anderson, L. Anderson, Reeck and Lund attending (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Director of Finance, Regan; Principals Johnson and Schmidt; several employees and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Lund, to approve additions to the agenda: Items 4g, 5h and an adjustment to the donation amount. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Reeck, to adopt the agenda. MC

Recognize the Public Chair Winkels thanked everyone for attending

Update from the CCY Program (Community Concern for Youth) - Haley Piotrowski Ms Piotrowski gave a

brief program overview and presented some statistics from the past year. The referral and intake process can involve schools, the county attorney, Social Workers, parents, mental health providers and law enforcement.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Lund, seconded by L. Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC

Donations and Grants

Motion by Reeck, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve the Resolution for Acceptance of Donations in the amount of \$5,150. MC

Finance Items

The Financial Report was presented by John Regan

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Curriculum and Policy **Motion** by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to approve the handbooks with revisions. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Reeck, to approve the District Crisis Management Plan with updates and revisions. MC

The Plan was reviewed by local law enforcement as well as legal counsel.

Facilities

Presale Report of the issuance of Facilities Main-

tenance and Tax Abatement bonds.

Information only – no action taken.

Motion by Reeck, seconded by L. Anderson, to select ICS as the Qualified Provider for the Guaranteed Energy Saving Contract. MC

No other proposals were received.

ESSER I, II, and III requests have been submitted as well as the lease levy, and the project is on track with funding sources. Proper documents have been submitted and published to satisfy all legal requirements.

Adjournment

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. MC

Complete minutes may be viewed at: www.isd2170.k12.mn.us.

AGENDA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Winkels, L. Anderson, Reeck, B. Anderson, Lund and Freeman present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Director of Finance, Regan; Ehlers, Jodie Zesbaugh and a community member. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to adopt the agenda. MC

Facility Project

Approve the Resolution Ratifying the Award of the Sale of Bonds

Jodie Zesbaugh reviewed the documents with the Board and Supt. Tappe commented on the rating process which took place earlier in the week.

Motion by Lund, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve the Resolution Ratifying the Issuance and Sale of Bonds in the amount of \$10,700,000.

Voting in favor: B. Anderson, L. Anderson, Reeck, Winkels, Lund and Freeman.

Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Reeck, seconded by B. Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. MC 40pnc

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02.001.2020	SECT-01 TWP-138 RANG-35 1.31 AC - THOSE PTS OF GOV LOT 2 & 3 DESC AS FOLLOWS: COMM AT THE NW CORNER OF LOT 1 MALCHOW'S LAKE ADDTN TO TWIN LAKES;THN S 57DEG 09'02"W(TH W LI OF LT 1 (MALCHOW'S LAKE ADDTN TO TWIN LAKES WAS ASSIGNED A BEARING OF S 00° 10'56"E)ALNG THE OLD SESTLY ROW LI OF CSAH #21(FORMER CSAH #4) 464' TO POB;THN CONT S 57° 09.02"W ALNG SAID ROW LI 150.11';THN S 30° 36'55"E 375' M OR L TO THE SHORELINE OF LOWER TWIN LAKE;THN NESTLY ALNG SAID SHORELINE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH A LI THAT BEARS S 30° 36'55"E FROM POB;THN N 30° 36'55"W 384' OR L TO POB*SUBJ TO EASEMENT FOR CSAH #21 ROW	38854 TWIN LAKES RD - MENAHA	VALUE: \$ 76,500	19,225
BULLARD TWP				
03.014.1290	SECT-14 TWP-135 RANG-33 66.40 AC - LOTS 3 & 4 LESS PARK EASEMENT REA *THIS PROPERTY HAS A TORRENS TITLE - ADDITIONAL TITLE WORK MAYBE NEEDED BY PURCHASER		VALUE: \$ 138,900	34,825
LYONS TWP				
06.009.3010	SECT-09 TWP-136 RANG-33 "LAND LOCKED" 60.00 AC - SE1/4 SW1/4 & W1/2 NW1/4 SE1/4		VALUE: \$ 15,800	4,050
NORTH GERMANY				
08.010.1110	SECT-10 TWP-136 RANG-34 3.03 AC - PT NW1/4 NE1/4 BEG AT NW COR OF ABOVE THE S 800' TO POB;THN E 1320';THN S 100'; TH W 1320'; TH N 100' TO POB "LAND LOCKED"		VALUE: \$ 800	300
SEBEKA				
08.029.4012	SECT-29 TWP-136 RANG-34 20.00 AC - E 660' OF THE N1/2 SE1/4	23288 181ST AVE - SEBEKA	VALUE: \$ 29,500 (LAND: \$ 28,900 BUILDING: \$ 600)	7,475
ORTON TWP				
09.007.2030	SECT-07 TWP-137 RANG-33 16.31 AC - LOT NO 5 "LAND LOCKED"		VALUE: \$ 29,500	7,475
SEBEKA				
09.018.2020	SECT-18 TWP-137 RANG-33 5.00 AC - W1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4	21907 320TH ST - SEBEKA	VALUE: \$9,600 (LAND: \$8,200 BUILDING: \$1,400)	2,500
WADENA TWP				
14.310.0290	LOT-5 BLK-4 - WEST BROOK		VALUE: \$ 5,000	1,350
WING RIVER TWP				
15.007.2010	SECT-07 TWP-135 RANG-34 7.94 AC - FR NW 1/4 NW1/4 & W 4AC OF NE1/4 NW1/4 EXC W 1028' OF N 424'04' NW1/4 NW1/4 *EXC S1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4 AKA:GOV LOT 1 6"EXC THE S 2 AC OF W 4 AC OF NE1/4 NW1/4	20942 163RD AVE - SEBEKA	VALUE: \$ 65,300 (LAND: \$ 30,500 BUILDING: \$ 34,800)	16,425
SEBEKA				
15.012.3090	SECT-12 TWP-135 RANG-34 5.00 AC - W1/2 E1/2 E1/2 NW1/4 SW1/4		VALUE: \$ 6,000	1,600
ALDRICH CITY				
16.035.1020	SECT-35 TWP-134 RANG-34 PT SW1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4 BEG AT PT ON SW COR OF ABV SUBD, BEING CENT OF SEC 35;THN E 330' TO PT ON THE CENT LI OF ASH ST IN ALDRICH VILLAGE;TH N 40' TO N LI OF ASH ST TO POB; TH N 300' TO PT TH DIR W WO W LI OF SW1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4 WHERE SD W LI INT WI N LI ASH ST; THEN ALONG N LI TO BEG	102 ASH ST NE - ALDRICH 64 ASH ST NE - ALDRICH	VALUE: \$ 7,700 (LAND: \$ 3,200 BUILDING: \$ 4,500)	2,025
MENAHA CITY				
17.022.1100	SECT-22 TWP-138 RANG-35 THE W 250' OF THE E 901' OF THE N 140'OF SW1/4 NE1/4 & PART OF NW1/4 NE1/4 DESC AS: COMM AT THE SE CORNER OF SAID NW1/4 NE1/4; THN ON AN ASSUMED BEARING S 89° 28'07"W ALNG THE S LI OF SAID NW1/4 NE1/4 739.11' TO THE POB OF THE PARCEL TO BE DESC;THN CONT S 89° 28'07"W ALNG SAID S LI 84.81' TO THE SESTLY ROW LI OF CSAH #21; THN N 63° 01'47"E ALNG SAID ROW 70.47'; THN S 30° 33'18"E 29.90';THN S 51° 25'55"E 8.70' TO THE POB*LESS PT OF SW1/4 NE1/4 TO ZIESKA*SUBJ TO EASEMENTS	622 1 NE - MENAHA	VALUE: \$ 8,400 *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$ 21,722.94	2,200
SEBEKA				
17.300.0460	ORIGINAL TOWNSITE W 30' OF LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 2		VALUE: \$ 800	300
SEBEKA				
17.340.0090	E P LANES SUBDIV 1 LOTS 8 & 9 BLK 3 & EASTERLY 200' OF LT 7 BLK 3	219 1 NE - MENAHA	VALUE: \$ 35,100 (LAND: \$ 5,600 BUILDING: \$ 29,500) *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$ 3,914.32	8,875
SEBEKA				
17.350.0120	LOT-12 BLK-1 - RISTINENS	234 1ST ST NW - MENAHA	VALUE: \$ 17,700 (LAND: \$ 2,600 BUILDING: \$ 15,100) *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$ 8,255.00	4,525
SEBEKA				
17.350.0200	LOT-20 BLK-1 RISTINENS	231 MAIN ST NW - MENAHA	VALUE: \$ 3,100 *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$ 1,551.79	875
SEBEKA				
17.380.0070	MURSU - LOT 4 & E 1/2 OF LOT 3, BLK 2	520 1ST ST SE - MENAHA	VALUE: \$ 16,200 (LAND: \$ 3,800 BUILDING: \$ 12,400)	4,150
SEBEKA				
17.420.0020	POWERS 1 W 33' OF LOT 1 (EX E 4') ALL OF 2 & 3 OF BLK 1	215 1ST ST NW - MENAHA	VALUE: \$ 16,600 (LAND: \$ 5,600 BUILDING: \$ 11,000) *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$ 11,717.40	4,250
SEBEKA				
17.620.0060	LOT-3 BLK-2 ODLANDS PINE ACRES 4TH		VALUE: \$ 6,800 *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$11,850.95	1,800
SEBEKA				
17.620.0070	LOT-4 BLK-2 ODLANDS PINE ACRES 4TH		VALUE: \$ 6,800 *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$11,850.95	1,800
SEBEKA				
17.620.0180	LOT-8 BLK-3 ODLANDS PINE ACRES 4TH		VALUE: \$ 6,800 *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$11,850.95	1,800
SEBEKA				
17.620.0190	LOT-9 BLK-3 ODLANDS PINE ACRES 4TH		VALUE: \$ 6,800 *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$11,850.95	1,800
SEBEKA				
17.630.0090	LOT-9 BLK-1 ODLANDS PINE ACRES 5TH		VALUE: \$ 6,600 *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$ 11,813.75	1,750
SEBEKA				
17.630.0100	LOT-10 BLK-1 ODLANDS PINE ACRES 5TH		VALUE: \$ 6,700 *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$11,842.55	1,775
SEBEKA CITY				
19.133.4020	SECT-33 TWP-137 RANG-35 1.00 AC - 1 AC IN THE SW1/4 SE1/4 OF SE1/4 DESC AS: COMM AT A POINT ON THE S LI OF SAID SEC.8 RODS E OF THE SW CORNER OF THE SE1/4 SE1/4;THN RUNNING DUE N 20 RODS;THN DUE E 8 RODS;THN DUE S 20 RODS;THN DUE W 8 RODS TO THE POB		VALUE: \$ 11,500	2,975
SEBEKA				
19.330.0040	ORIGINAL TOWNSITE E 512' OF LT 2; W 282' LT 3 BLK 1	116 MINNESOTA AVE W - SEBEKA	VALUE: \$ 32,300 (LAND: \$ 5,500 BUILDING \$ 26,800)	8,175
SEBEKA				
19.330.0060	ORIGINAL TOWNSITE E 26' OF LT 3 BLK 1	114 MINNESOTA AVE W - SEBEKA	VALUE: \$ 28,300 (LAND: \$ 3,800 BUILDING \$ 26,500)	7,175
SEBEKA				
19.350.0150	WHITNEY & MURRAY'S ADDTN SEBEKA-LT 15 BLK 1	308 1ST ST SE - SEBEKA	VALUE: \$ 20,100 (LAND: \$ 3,300 BUILDING \$ 16,800)	5,125
SEBEKA				
19.350.0210	WHITNEY & MURRAY'S ADDTN SEBEKA LTs 3,4 & 5 BLK 2	217 MINNESOTA AVE - SEBEKA	VALUE: \$ 4,900 - LAND ONLY	1,325
SEBEKA				
19.350.0340	WHITNEY & MURRAY'S ADDTN SEBEKA-LT 15 BLK 2	208 1ST ST SE - SEBEKA	VALUE: \$ 21,000 (LAND: \$ 3,300 BUILDING \$ 17,700)	5,350
SEBEKA				
19.350.0370	WHITNEY & MURRAY'S ADDITION SEBEKA LT 18 LESS NTHLY 65' BLK 2	11 CLIFFORD AVE - SEBEKA	VALUE: \$ 1,800	550
SEBEKA				
19.370.0620	SLOVER & ANDERSON'S ADDTN SEBEKA S 150' LOT "H"	6 SLOVER AVE N - SEBEKA	VALUE: \$ 1,100	375
SEBEKA				
19.380.0040	LOT-4 BLK-1 DAWSON'S SUBDV "C" SLOVER & ANDERSON	206 3RD ST NE - SEBEKA	VALUE: \$ 3,300 - LAND ONLY	925
SEBEKA				
19.440.0080	RIVERSIDE ADDITION PT OF LT 7 BLK 1; COM AT NE COR OF LT 7 THN IN WSTLY DIR 80'ALNG NTHLY LI OF LT 7;THN STHLY 80'; THN ETLY 80' TO E LI OF LT 7;THN NTHLY ALNG E LI OF LT 7 TO POB*EXC A PERPETUAL EASEMENT OVER & ACROSS THE ESTLY 20'FOR ACCESS TO SEWER & WATER		VALUE: \$ 5,100	1,375
WADENA CITY				
22.008.2150	SECT-08 TWP-134 RANG-35 PT. OF S1/2 OF NW BG AT THE NW COR OF THE ABOVE 40; TH 100E ON THE N LI OF SD 40;THN S IN A LI PARALLEL WI THE W LI OF SD 40 TO U CR; TH WTL ANLG U CR TO W LI OF SD 40;THN N ALNG W LI OF SD 40 TO POB	517 COLFAX SE - WADENA	VALUE: \$ 24,000 (LAND: \$ 19,100 BUILDING \$ 4,900) *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$2,136.90	6,100
WADENA				
22.470.0750	LOT-8 BLK-7 SLEEPERS ADDTN	406 3 NW - WADENA	VALUE: \$ 47,200 (LAND: \$ 5,300 BUILDING \$ 41,900) *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$273.98	11,900
WADENA				
22.470.0760	SLEEPERS LOTS 9 & 10 BLK 7	410 3 NW - WADENA	VALUE: \$ 74,100 (LAND: \$ 10,700 BUILDING \$ 63,400) *CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - \$ 1,011.93	18,625
WADENA				
22.770.0010	LT-1 BLK-1 - WINKELS ADDTN*SUBJ TO EASEMENT		VALUE: \$ 3,500	975
WADENA				
22.770.0020	LT-2 BLK-1 - WINKELS ADDTN*SUBJ TO EASEMENT		VALUE: \$ 11,700	3,025
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Homecoming Queen

Addison Lorber reacts to being crowned Homecoming Queen. The event was held at Camp Shamineau, where students were able to recreate and play

games on Sept. 21. From left, Frankie Hanson, Lorber, Klaire Storry, Bo Erholtz and Morgan Becker. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Homecoming King

Sivert Klefsaas is crowned Homecoming King by last year's queen Ava Schneider. From left, Corey Hansen, Lyle

Brownell, Chandler Braith, Klefsaas and Dayton Anderson.



Homecoming catch

Eli Carlson reaches up to grab a pass in the Homecoming football win over Pillager. (Photo by Jeremy Moulton)



Homecoming parade excitement

Staples-Motley students took to the streets Sept. 24 for the Homecoming parade. With the high school in the background, the volleyball team walked the distance to the elementary school among cheers of students lining the sidewalk (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Homecoming hangout

Staples-Motley students found an outdoor seating area at Camp Shamineau to sit and talk.



Powderpuff football

The Staples-Motley homecoming held at Camp Shamineau included powderpuff football games where grades 9-12 faced off in a flag football competition. The games provided a lot of action, including, blocking, running, defensive plays and great catches. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Region Five hosting internet discussions

From Region Five Development Commission

Everyone relies on the internet for school, business, government, recreation, healthcare, and more. This became even more evident over the last year with students in distance-learning and companies, large and small, that shifted their employees to working remotely—retirees even scheduled Zoom telemedicine appointments for the first time. If internet connections weren’t reliable 24/7, residents and businesses scrambled to find access.

For those who live or work in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, or Wadena counties, does your area lack internet access? Does it have the high-speed internet you need to succeed?

To discuss these questions and more, Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) is holding a virtual Zoom event about local broadband access on Sept. 30, from 7-8:30 p.m. You may also attend in person at one of five locations. The purpose of the event is to get organized as a region to secure federal funding for local, high-speed internet. All who live or work in the five-county area are invited.

“We want residents in our five-county region to bring their stories about internet access, frustrations, and ideas to our broadband event,” said Cheryal Lee Hills, executive director of R5DC. “A key factor in improving access to regional broadband is finding out what the needs are and learning how people are managing—or not managing—to access the internet.”

Several regional broadband events will be held statewide, leading up to Blandin Foundation’s ‘Building on Broadband’ annual meeting in October that will focus on the need for reliable, high-speed inter-

net across the state.

“American Recovery Act funds are available for broadband expansion in areas of our five-county region where high-speed internet is currently unavailable, but we need to be organized in order to access and utilize the funding,” said Hills. “Meeting together on Sept. 30 and hearing the stories of others who have struggles accessing the internet is a good start. It will help to highlight the need for reliable high-speed internet for so many residents across our five-county area and beyond. It’s possible to improve regional broadband when we all work together.”

Join the broadband event via Zoom or in-person on Sept. 30 from 7-8:30 p.m. A link will be emailed to those who register. The event is open to anyone interested in discussing current high-speed internet in their area and ways to expand it by accessing federal funding.

To attend the event, either virtually or in-person, register at: <https://r5fiber.eventbrite.com>. To attend in person, select one of these locations when you register:

- Brainerd: Central Lakes College, 501 W College Dr
- Little Falls: Sprout MN, 609 13th Avenue NE, Door 8
- Long Prairie: Country Club, 406 6th St SE
- Staples: Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road
- Pine River: Happy Dancing Turtle, 2331 Dancing Wind Rd. SW, Ste 1.

Along with R5DC, the collaborative event is co-sponsored by the Blandin Foundation, Sourcewell, Initiative Foundation, and local telecommunication companies: Crosslake Communications, CTC, ECTC, and West Central Telephone.

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Hazards of Africa brought group closer

there must have been a crash,” Crampton remembered, “Then I realized it was for us.” Instead of switching planes, they just waited for it to get fixed and took off again on the same unsafe plane.

To get to his village, Crampton had to take a bush taxi, a day long train and then another bush taxi into the interior of undeveloped Africa.

Some of the volunteers were in even more isolated areas, one spent two years at a remote village, rarely seeing anyone other than the villagers.

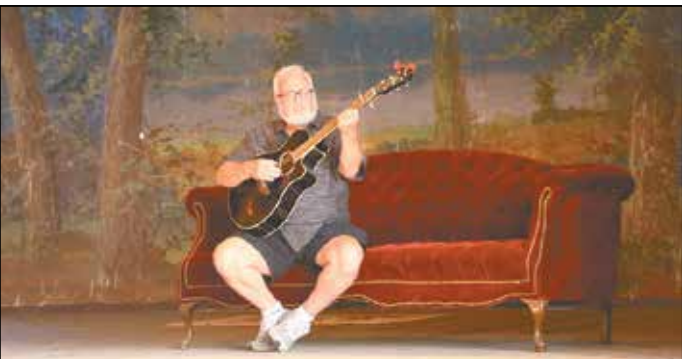
“To share that experience in a strange land, we had no contact with family so we were our own family,” said Crampton.

The volunteers who stuck it out soon realized the beauty of the undeveloped country.

“The most memorable part was the people of Benin,” said Crampton. “We were welcomed universally, they would share their house, no matter what.”

Benin is one of the countries that was decimated by the slave trade in the 1700s, they became colonized but had gained independence by the early 1960s.

While the people were still didn’t trust all the outsiders, they welcomed the



Music on stage

Gary Richardson of South Carolina is one of the former Peace Corps volunteers who visited the Batcher Block in August. He sang a few songs that were requested by the group, including his own originals.

Peace Corps. “The difference is we tried to fit in, we lived in the smallest houses, ate the local food and hung out with local people.”

At the reunion in Staples, many of the Peace Corps stories were shared.

One volunteer caught fire while refueling a vehicle and had to be transported to Germany to be treated. But he came back to finish his mission.

Crampton remembered a fiery moped accident where ladies carrying water in jugs on their head rushed over and dumped it on the fire, which only made it worse. He said villagers

were grieving at the loss of the moped because motorized transportation was so rare. “They came to pay homage to the moped,” he said.

Because of the heat of West Africa, the cows and pigs they worked with were miniature animals, very different than what Crampton was used to growing up in Staples.

Crampton still has one lifelong connection to Benin, his wife Veronique is from there. One other member of the group also married a woman from Benin.

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Grants available to community groups

inviting to visitors and improving the appearance of the community to make residents proud to live here.

• Increase Community Involvement and Leadership: Promoting citizen community involvement by developing and identifying leaders within the community in order to instill a sense of solidarity based on the assets of our commu-

nity.

Grant opportunities are available to public, academic, and nonprofit organizations that serve residents living and/or working in the boundaries of the Staples-Motley School District, ISD #2170. For full eligibility requirements, visit www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org.

To start an application,

visit www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org/how-to-apply.html and click “Start a New Application.” This will redirect to an online grant system operated by the Initiative Foundation. Through this system, applicants can create an account, complete an eligibility quiz, submit proposals, review application history, and submit grant reports. The

deadline to submit applications is October 15, 2021.

Questions about the grants available or the application process, can be directed to the SMACF Grants Committee Chair, Nick Trout, by phone at (218) 296-2565 or email at troutnicholas@gmail.com.



Batcher memories

LuJean Huffman-Norberg, granddaughter of Charles Batcher, speaks to the House of Representatives Investment Committee about her grandfather’s building. Her first memory of the building is an auction of gift baskets that went to support the World War II effort.

Below, Rep. Dean Urdahl takes a photo of the Batcher Building. He represents the Litchfield area, which also has a restored opera house. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Teal hunt-wild rice conflict should be no surprise

The big news on the eve of Minnesota’s experimental teal hunting season that began Sept. 4 was that some of the state’s prime duck hunting waters would be off-limits to hunters. Off-limits, because they are traditional wild rice waters, the ricing season is open, and the identified waters lie within Leech Lake and White Earth Ojibwe reservation boundaries.

Just days before the special five-day teal-only hunt was to begin, leaders of both Ojibwe bands revealed their intent to prohibit not only teal but also open water goose hunting, the state’s early season for which began on the same date. The Leech Lake and White Earth leaders cited concern for the safety of wild rice harvesters. The wild ricing season this year runs from Aug. 15 through Sept. 30. Waters included in the off-limits-to-hunting declaration were numerous, and among them some of the most high profile and popular for duck hunters, including some or all of Leech, Cass, Wainibigoshish, Bowstring and Upper Rice lakes. Included, too, were parts of the Mississippi River.

Both the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources—which proposed, lobbied for, and backed the early teal hunting season—and the Ojibwe bands believe their side holds the legal high ground. For example, a 1969 agreement grants non-tribal members hunting and fishing rights on public waters within Leech Lake reservation boundaries,

in exchange for the band receiving a share of state hunting and fishing license revenues. This reportedly amounted to more than \$3 million in 2020. On the other hand, a 1973 agreement grants Leech Lake tribal government the right to manage wild rice waters within its reservation boundaries.

The DNR acknowledged that when it floated the idea of a September teal hunt and sought stakeholder opinions, concern over possible conflict with the ricing season was voiced by Ojibwe tribal leaders. But the DNR apparently did not interpret that concern as rising to the level of possibly interfering with the hunt. For the record, the Ojibwe bands have not similarly opposed September over-water goose hunting on wild rice waters in the past. But the state has far fewer goose hunters than duck hunters, so the potential for conflict then was more limited.

DNR leadership conceded before the Sept. 4 start of the five-day teal hunt that there was not time to resolve the disagreement before the season, having only learned of the Ojibwe bands’ intended closure declaration less than a week before the season was to begin. Legal action following the season is a real possibility. It will be important to address who really has the authority to regulate hunting by non-Native American band members on public waters within reservation boundaries.

Something that should not be lost in the teal season’s post mortem, however, is the wisdom—or possibly a shortage of it—of holding an early September teal hunting season with this timing in the first place. The DNR’s core argument was that other states in our Mississippi Flyway hold early teal hunting seasons before the regular duck season, and the early migra-

tion departure of many teal can mean a loss of hunting opportunity for Minnesota hunters.

But those states to the south of us along the Mississippi Flyway do not have Minnesota’s wild rice resource and harvest, and Indigenous peoples whose cultural heritage is intimately connected to “manoomin,” as it’s known by many Native Americans. Thus there is not the potential in those states for hunting vs wild rice harvest conflict. Wisconsin and Michigan do grow and harvest wild rice on some lakes and river flowages, but not to the extent that Minnesota does.

There might not be this potential for conflict if the DNR had not previously made other decisions relative to the state’s waterfowl hunting. First was to push the general waterfowl season opener roughly a week into September, from its traditional October opening. Then to add a youth waterfowl hunt—which many justifiably support—two weeks before the general waterfowl hunting opener. Wanting to separate an early teal season from the youth hunt event, the DNR thus opted for the first week of September.

It’s hard to imagine two activities that are more opposite in their practices, and present greater potential for conflict, than wild rice harvest and waterfowl hunting. Rice harvesting is done by poling or paddling a canoe through a stand of wild rice, with a “beater” in the front seat bending the stalks over the canoe and beating the stem with a stick to break the mature rice kernels free, which fall into the canoe.

Waterfowl hunters typically conceal themselves along shorelines in standing vegetation, augmented by camouflage of one kind or another that may range from netting, to camo pattern fabric, to synthetic



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