



School royalty
Cardinal Days royalty, front row from left, Ava Schneider, Heidi Lombard and Rose Han; back row, Payton Bjerga, Max Strickland, Cole Winkels, Logen Weite and Emmet Anderson. Not pictured, candidate Lizzie Noble, who was out of town. See page 12a. (Photo by Mark Anderson)



Staples Host Lions Club donations

The Staples Host Lions Club recently donated a total of \$3,000 to area service organizations. This included \$2,000 to the Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC); and \$500 each to Kinship Partners and the Staples All Veterans Park.

At top, from left, are Lion Frank Leidenfrost; Bill Spar, SAMC President-elect; Steve Hoemberg, SAMC Director.

Blessing, Rynell Schock and Kathy Johnson, local representatives on the board of Kinship Partners; and Lion Frank Leidenfrost. Missing from photo is Kristi Carlson, Staples/Motley Kinship Program Coordinator.

Lower photo, from left, are Lion Frank Leidenfrost; and members of the Staples All Veterans Park board, Ken Klose and Lee Jenkins. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Values taught on farm, God always provided on Johnson family farm

sons lived in the Twin Cities, where Ken had a job with Donaldson's department store.

They enjoyed going to an occasional ball game and Hope recalls taking in the Aquatennial Parade during their time in the big city.

It was eye-opening and a good experience all in all, Hope said of those years. In the end, however, the Johnsons decided that "we were country kids, Minneapolis was not for us," Ken said.

Not that they ever entirely left the farm.

Even while living in the metro, they would still travel back "home" on weekends to help shear sheep. Later on, they moved back for good and have been farming ever since.

After leaving the Twin Cities, the Johnsons rented a farm southwest of Leader for seven years. When that place sold, they rented Ken's grandfather's farm for the next 10 years, where they raised both dairy cows and sheep. In addition to shearing sheep, Ken drove milk truck during those days.

In 1979, the Johnsons bought the 200-acre farmstead in the Poplar area where they still reside today. Over the past 40-plus years, they've raised a variety of commercial sheep, beef cattle and guard dogs.

Ken and Hope also raised eight children along the way...KaAnn, Jim, Gene, Sue, Janet, Katie, Bill and Karen.

"All the kids were good helpers," Hope said, adding that in their younger years they were all involved in farm-related activities. All of them were in 4-H, and their boys were all in FFA.

They all turned out good, the Johnsons said of their children. "We're proud of them," Hope adds. She notes that in addition to teaching their kids values through work at the farm, she and Ken brought them to the Mennonite church every Sunday, introducing them to the Christian faith that's sustained them over the years.

Today, Ken and Hope have 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. The farm, with its harvest of crops and faith-filled stories, continues to be a special place for every generation.

"Our daughter Janet just brought her grandchildren here from North Dakota, so they can experience life on the farm," Hope shared.

Outside of their farm and family, the Johnsons have been very involved with their community.

Both Ken and Hope have served as Poplar Township Clerk, been 4-H leaders and involved at their church. Ken was a Cass County Commissioner and was on the board for several years. Hope has been a caretaker of the Poplar Cemetery.

Currently, the Johnsons' two youngest children, Bill and Karen own the farm, but Ken and Hope still enjoy living there and working as they are able. Their son Gene has a farm in the Leader area, and plans to raise cattle at the family farm. He currently rents land for pasture and hay. Their other son, Jim, a pastor at the Free Methodist Church in Motley, helps out at the farm on occasion.

The Johnsons admit that it's not always been an easy life. "There were times it was tough making ends meet...times when interest rates were high," Hope said.

When their children were young, they dealt with broken bones, bouts of pneumonia and other stressful situations that parents go through.

But throughout it all, "God always provided," Hope says.

Ken recalled those early morning feedings of lambs that needed to be supplemented with a bottle. "I didn't mind getting up at 2 a.m. when I was 40, but at 85 years, it started to tell on me," he laughed.

Which reminds him, "Hope wanted me to quit shearing sheep when I turned 75," Ken says.

Hope smiles and shakes her head, remembering those wedding vows from 64 years ago. She's committed to her guy...in spite of his love of shearing sheep.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Oct. 7 - The MPD received a report of a small grass fire just south of Meadow Ave. in Motley. Motley Fire Dept. was paged and distinguished what was left of the fire.

Oct. 7 - The MPD assisted the MCSO with a suicidal male subject in Motley.

Oct. 6 - The MPD assisted Staples Police and the Todd County Sheriff's Office with a warrant arrest at the 800 block of 2nd Ave. NE in Staples.

Oct. 2 - The MPD received a report of a male party sitting in his truck at the Holiday station in Motley, blocking the parking lot. When asked by an employee to move his vehicle, the man stated he needed the police. The responding MPD officer spoke with the driver who stated his friend needed help at a bar in Staples but he didn't know which bar she was at or how to help her. The man was advised to call the Staples PD and to park elsewhere, which he proceeded to do.

Oct. 2 - The MPD was advised by the planning and zoning commission of an ordinance violation at the 12000 block of 67th Ave. SW, Motley. The MPD stopped by the subject's residence to explain the ordinance violations, which pertained to inoperable vehicles on the property. As the officer tried to explain to the subject what the ordinances stated and how things could be easily remedied, the subject went back into her house and slammed the door shut while the officer was still speaking to her. A letter was later mailed to the subject regarding the ordinance violations and that they needed to be corrected by Oct. 13.

Oct. 2 - While patrolling the area, the MPD noticed a large camp fire at the 900 block of E. River Rd., Motley. The officer stopped and advised the owner of the city's ordinance regarding camp fire size, burning material and the need for a ring around the fire.

Oct. 7 - The MCSO received a report of fire at Azalea Rd. and Hwy 10 in Motley.

Oct. 4 - The MCSO responded to an alarm at the Motley-Staples Middle School building in Motley. All of the doors were checked and everything appeared to be secure.

Oct. 3 - The MCSO received a call from an employee at the Holiday station in Motley, reporting the possibility of drugs found inside the men's restroom. The responding deputy reported that the substance was properly discarded.

Oct. 3 - The MCSO received multiple reports about people walking down the road with a baseball bat near 330th St. and Elm Ln., Cushing. One of the complainants stated that the people were coming to damage her car after turning around on the road. The parties were separated upon the deputies' arrival.

Oct. 3 - The MCSO received a report of a burglary of a Club Car brand golf cart at the 34000 block of Aztec Rd., Motley.

Oct. 1 - The MCSO received a report of a lost cell phone on Hwy 10 in Motley. The responding deputy located it on Hwy 10 and brought it to the person who lost it.

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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1945

• Oct. 18, 1945 - Reaching an unparalleled high, the Staples State Bank shows footings of \$2,073,447.56. This is the highest record for the bank in its history.

An increase in nearly every division of the statement has been noted since the statement was published last June.

The statement of the bank published last week reflects and emphasizes the strength of the local financial institution, and considering the amount that is held by local people in gov-

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ernment bonds, this indicates that never before in the history of this community, has the community had so much money in reserve.

• Oct. 18, 1945 - Mr. Lyle L. Brassfield, a senior in the Minneapolis Bible College, is the new pastor of the Church of Christ in Staples, and has filled the pulpit here for the past two weeks.

Mr. Brassfield will finish his course next week and then his wife and little daughter will move to Staples to reside in the parsonage of the church. His wife is the former Della Fae Carry of Philbrook.

• Oct. 18, 1945 - Balmy Indian summer weather was held the spotlight in this vicinity for the past several days, with temperatures going up into the 70's during the day time and staying warm during the night, with only one night last week, registering below the freezing point.

People are joyous over this weather, as it saves on the coal bin a great deal.

People have been preparing for the winter weather, however, in the city they have taken advantage of the nice weather to get their storm windows and doors on, clean up the yards, and remove the growth from their garden spots.

Weatherman predicts a continued Indian summer for the next two or three days.

50 Years Ago - 1970

• Oct. 22, 1970 - The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. John Voytilla near Leader was

completely destroyed by fire Monday morning.

The couple, who moved to this area from Kansas City about two and one-half years ago, lost all their possessions in the fire, except the clothing they wore. They had been in the barn at the time the fire started.

The alarm was turned in to the Motley fire department at 9 a.m., and by the time the firemen arrived at the scene about 13 miles northwest of Motley, the building was engulfed in flames.

Friends in the area have organized a benefit for the Voytilla family, to be held Friday evening at 8 at the Leader community hall.

• Oct. 22, 1970 - A debate between Douglas Head, Republican candidate for governor of Minnesota, and Wendell Anderson, DFL gubernatorial aspirant, will be televised over KCMT-TV, Channel 7, Tuesday at 10:35 p.m.

A panel of newsmen from the area will be moderated by Bob Jordan, KCMT news director.

• Oct. 22, 1970 - A Grand Opening celebration for Ted & Gen's BAR-B-Q in Aldrich will be held Tuesday, Oct. 27. A free dance, with music by Ken Meyers and His Country Playboys. Ten-cent beers from 8 - 9 p.m., drawings for prizes every half hour. A whole pig will be barbequed on our grill and served in fee sandwiches from 11:30 - 12:30.

• Oct. 22, 1970 - Classified ad - For Sale: Smaller 2 bedroom house, completely redecorated at 314 N. 8th St., \$3,750. Write or call 894-1243.

25 Years Ago - 1995

• Oct. 19, 1995 - Bill Uhrich, owner of the River Hills Mobile Home Court, currently is spending about half his days in the Wadena County jail and about half of his time working at the trailer court north of Staples, working to fix up and clean up the court.

He found himself behind on a court-ordered schedule to clean up River Hills, and because of that, he's in jail...Uhrich, 71 years old and the principal at Staples High School until 1978 has a different view of things than the county officials and others who have been trying to get him to clean up. "It's a case of total discrimination," he said adding that

the state fire marshal and county zoning apparently don't want him to be able to get back in the rental business.

• Oct. 19, 1995 - "My name is Russ. I'm a dope fiend and a drunk. I'm also a Christian."

This is how Russell Simon introduced himself to the group assembled at the Staples Centennial Auditorium Oct. 10.

Simon is 32 years old. He spent eight years in prison and has been out for less than two years. During his talk he shared his life - his abuse by his father, his addictions, his crimes, his prison experiences, his regrets - candidly and explicitly with the audience.

• Oct. 19, 1995 - Motley Staples Middle School Students of the Month were Katie Palmer, 6th grade; Ted Ludovissie, 7th grade; and Beth Sabourin, 8th grade.

• Oct. 19, 1995 - The Cardinal girls tennis squad couldn't quite repeat as Section 8A team champions, but did produce a doubles title for the second year in a row.

Competing at Grand Forks, the Cards lost to Crookston in the Section 8 title match Monday after a first round victory over East Grand Forks.

On Tuesday, in singles and doubles events, Cardinals Karen Holmberg and Julie Vogel claimed the crown, defeating three contenders in straight sets. The girls will be competing in the doubles portion of the state tournament, to be played Oct. 27 and 28 in Minneapolis.

• Oct. 19, 1995 - The Cardinal varsity boys finished in third place Thursday, Oct. 12 in the Mid State conference cross country meet at Wadena, with Cardinal Jeff Brever finishing in fourth place.

10 Years Ago - 2010

• Oct. 21, 2010 - A viaduct or footbridge was constructed over the railroad tracks in Staples in 1902 to provide safe passage between the north and south sides of the tracks.

Over 100 years later the community will once again be united, this time by a two lane north-south corridor and overpass, thanks to a \$7.65 million federal grant.

"This is a big deal. It's going to drastically change



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Oct. 8, 1970 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the April 9, 1981 edition of the Staples World, featured elementary wrestlers preparing for an upcoming tournament. From left are Kraig Burnham, Mark Lelwica, Billy Flaten, Darren Holst.

Marilyn Holst of Staples correctly identified the boys, noting they were in

4th grade at that time. She went on to share that, "Darren is my son. I showed this picture in the Staples World to his 4th grade daughter Aleea and asked if she knew anyone in it. She pointed to Darren and said, 'That's my dad.'" Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Lelwica. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

our community," said Mayor Chris Etzler. "This really proves that we have a good project and that it's not just about roads and bridges. It's about the growth of our

community, about livability and economic development."

• Oct. 21, 2010 - Riverside Assisted Living of Pillager is now open, offering a variety of services to people

of all income levels. The full-service facility is owned by Dean and Paula Rocheleau; and Jerry and Ginny Kapsner, all from the Pierz area.

Counterfeit bills in Staples

The Staples Police Department investigated at least four instances of counterfeit bills being circulated in Staples in September.

Other items on the police report include:

On Sept. 14, Staples Police responded to a house fire on Ski Hill Drive. Staples Fire Department extinguished the fire, but the house suffered heavy damage.

On Sept. 16, Staples Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at Speedway. After investigation, the driver of the vehicle, Trent Abell, 19, of Wadena, was arrested on suspicion of 4th degree DUI, driving after revocation, and under 21 drink and drive.

On Sept. 16, Staples Police received a report of a stolen Biden/Harris political sign from a yard, on the 700 block of Dakota Ave. SW.

On Sept. 19, Staples Police received multiple reports of a bear in the northeast part of town. The bear was located but the closest DNR officer was three hours away. Police were advised that as long as the bear was not acting aggressively to let it wander and find its way back home. Police kept eyes on the bear until it was out of town.

On Sept. 19, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office and members of the public in returning a bull to its pasture after wandering onto US Highway 10, near 245th Ave.

On Sept. 20, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with a child protection incident at the hospital.

On Sept. 22, Staples Police received a report of

a political sign stolen on the 600 block of 5th St NE. Prior to police arriving another resident near that area located a juvenile who had taken the sign. The sign was returned and the juvenile left the area.

On Sept. 23, Staples Police were called to someone walking in the middle of the road on the overpass. Police located a juvenile female matching the description on 3rd Ave NE. They were advised to walk against traffic and use the sidewalk when available.

On Sept. 24, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE for a report of a domestic. Police arrested Craig Wicht, 56, for domestic assault and disorderly conduct.

On Sept. 25, Staples Police assisted the Cass County Sheriff's Office with a one vehicle crash on the Warner Rd just east of the Crow Wing River bridge. The driver stated he fell asleep went across the oncoming lane and into the ditch striking a tree. The driver was not injured.

On Sept. 26, Staples Police received a report of damage to property on the 200 block of Park Road. Damage was caused by a vehicle entering the property and spinning in circles and then leaving the property at a high rate of speed.

On Sept. 27, Staples Police assisted Wadena County with a one vehicle accident with three people injured on County Road 30.

On Sept. 28, Staples Police took a phone call from a reporting party asking for extra patrol near their residence for an ex partner who is seeming to become hostile towards them through phone and video chat conversations. Reporting party states that ex had not threatened them but was making them feel uneasy as they live alone.

On Sept. 28, Staples Police were dispatched to a report of a driver who went off road and struck signs on Hwy 10 East of Staples. Police located the car on Highway 210 West and arrested Rebecca Hill, 35, of Staples, for 2nd degree DWI.

Wear a mask in public spaces.

Get tested if you have any symptoms.

Answer if your health department calls.

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TODD COUNTY TAX REMINDER

The second half of Real Estate Taxes are due on or before October 15, 2020. Except for property classified as Agricultural. (Be sure to look at the due dates on your statement, some classifications changes per State Laws, may affect when taxes are due). State law requires that the penalty be applied to the unpaid balance on October 16. These taxes are payable at the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, or by mail to: 215 1st Ave. S., Suite 201, Long Prairie, MN 56347 with the envelope being postmarked October 15, 2020. Call our office at 320-732-4469 for details on internet payment or paying by credit card thru Point and Pay 1-844-368-2607.

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Staples Rotary hosts District Governor

The Governor of Rotary District 5580 visited the Staples Rotary Club Oct. 7, sharing updates on district and international activities, the new theme pin and M&Ms. Staples Rotary Club President Jerel Nelsen, left, compared masks with Governor Bob McLean of Nisswa following the meeting. McLean spoke about International President Holger Knaack's theme of "Rotary Opens Opportunities" and gave a few examples of how 35,000 clubs in 220 countries are carrying out that theme with a focus on "Peace Building." He noted that, thanks to Rotary in partnership with other world organizations, polio has been eradicated in all but two countries - Afghanistan and Pakistan. He also spoke about the partnership between Rotary Districts with members in Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada, to draw awareness to the magnitude of human trafficking in this region and worldwide. The M&Ms were prizes for club members answering questions about Rotary's mission, vision and motto. To learn more about Rotary see www.rotary.org.



'Trunk or Treat' in Motley Oct. 31

"Trunk or Treat" will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 3 - 5 p.m. at the parking lot of Motley United Methodist Church., located at 847 3rd Ave. South.

This event will allow children to collect Halloween candy in a safe environment, with measures being taken to guard against Covid-19.

Motley United Methodist Church invites all members of the community to participate by wearing a costume, decorating their trunk and setting up in the church parking lot. Set up time is at 2:30 p.m. The church asks that all vehicles be set up with one parking space between each, and that all treats be safely prepackaged. Participants should wear gloves and masks.

In addition, Motley businesses will also be participating in "Trunk or Treat." An orange pumpkin will be displayed in their business window to let children know they are welcome there.

Mark Your Calendar

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD Mtg Wednesday, Oct. 21, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers in Staples. Public invited. Masks required, as per MN Covid-19 guidelines.



Catching up at The Vintage

Members of the Table of Knowledge coffee klatch, usually seen at Burger King in Staples, met recently at the clubhouse of The Vintage golf course in Staples. Seated, from left are Jack Rengel, Pat Miller, Orv Meyer, Cecil Johnson, Frank Odell, Jim Vogel, Lee Jenkins and Steve Benson (back to camera). "We had a good time catching up," Jenkins said. (Submitted photo)

It's time... TOWER PIZZA, Staples

will re-open for dine-in Monday, Oct. 19
(limited seating; limited hours)

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

Saturday, October 17, 2020

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TOYS/Equip., Sporting, more

Generic power washer, 3,000 psi
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4 old boat motors, 5 hp-40-horsepower
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North Star pul behind sprayer, boom & wand
Ake WD HP with loader
Fish house heater, gas
2 collapsible sled fish houses
Elec. leaf blower
Goose neck plate, hitch carriage
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Fuel burner on stand
3 Mosquito magnets
Punching bag w/ gloves
Duck and goose decoys (a lot)

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Black dining room table w/ 3 leaves and 5 chairs
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Horn Kong, fire hand carved
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Quote of the week

"For a politician to complain about the press is like a ship's captain complaining about the sea."

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Regular office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the address of 215 1st Avenue S, Long Prairie, MN.

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An Online Absentee Ballot Application Portal and/or printable Absentee Ballot Application form can be found on our County Website at www.co.todd.mn.us or at mnvotes.org

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Born to Brianna and Michael Olson of Clarissa, a baby boy, Ripp Beckett weighing eight pounds, four ounces on October 2, 2020.

Born to Stephanie and Michael Morgan of Brainerd, a baby boy, Fredrick Michael weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on October 3, 2020.

Born to Tayah and Justin Carry of Motley, twin girls, Liza Nicole weighing five pounds, nine ounces and Kora Adelle weighing five pounds, five ounces on October 5, 2020.

Born to Christine Mayer and Taylor Bendson of Motley, a baby girl Hayden Renee weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on October 5, 2020.

Born to Allyson Ashman and Robert Hull of Staples, a baby boy, Oliver Elliot weighing 10 pounds, one ounce on October 6, 2020.

Born to Brittney and Keith Sparby of Motley, a baby boy, Olson Ray weighing eight pounds on October 8, 2020.

Born to Michelle and Dean Scherping of Little Falls, a baby girl, Elaine Mary weighing eight pounds, six ounces on September 24, 2020.

Born to Gladys and Brendon Hoover of Browerville, a baby boy, Derek Shawn weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on September 26, 2020.

Born to Nichole Shoultz and Robert Sorgert of Staples, a baby boy, Elias Edvin weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on September 28, 2020.

Born to Mika Jacobson and Kody Kunerth of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Stella Kathryn weighing five pounds, 15 ounces on September 30, 2020.

Born to Sarah and Jaden Erkenbrack of Wadena, a baby boy, Caleb Ronald weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on September 30, 2020.

Born to Virginia Seeley of Staples, a baby boy, Emmett Ray, weighing seven pounds, two ounces on October 2, 2020.

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Arlene Lee

Arlene Anna Lee, 81, of Staples, passed away May 4, 2020, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 17 at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples. Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at the Philbrook Cemetery.

Arlene was born April 21, 1939, in Dickinson, North Dakota to Charles and Anna (Kostelecky) Kovash. She married Russell Lee on December 18, 1965. They lived in Nebraska, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Russell; two sons, Sean (Jamie) of New Orleans, LA and Joshua (Jennifer) of Portland, OR; three siblings, Laudie Kovash, Lillian Sadowsky and Marietta Davis; one granddaughter, Alice; three step-grandchildren, Jordan, Joshua and Alexa; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arlene is preceded in death by her parents; four brothers and one sister.

Arrangements by Taylor Funeral Care, www.taylorfunerals.com.

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Rena Halbersma

Rena Halbersma, 91, of Clarissa, passed peacefully in her sleep on October 9, 2020.

Funeral services for Rena will be held Oct. 14 at 11:00 a.m., at the Staples Alliance Church. Friends may call on the day of the funeral one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will be held at the Woodman Cemetery, Clarissa.

Rena Halbersma was born on the family farm near Inwood, Iowa on September 11, 1929 to Jorienus and Artie (Brands) Brouwer. She attended the Inwood Public School until 1942 when the family moved to Rock Valley, Iowa. She finished 7th and 8th grades in a rural country school and later in life completed her GED. In 1946 the family moved to a farm near Edgerton, Minnesota.

Rena was united in marriage to Raymond Halbersma on January 13, 1949. They lived in Hatfield and Slayton and in 1952 moved to a farm they purchased

Shirley Mueller

Shirley A. Mueller, 76, of Staples died October 10, 2020 at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 14, 2020 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church in Staples.

Burial will be in Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Shirley was born October 15, 1943 in Buffalo Lake Township to Albert and Martha (Eitel) Woller. She grew up in Winthrop on the family farm. Shirley married Richard Lange and the couple had four children. She worked at Hallmark, Coast to Coast and most recently at Lakewood Health Care until her retirement. Shirley married Gary Mueller on April 29, 1988 in Staples. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, VFW Auxiliary and Legion Auxiliary clubs in Staples. Shirley enjoyed playing cards, reading, cooking, Gary's roses and above all else, she enjoyed family time. She taught her family to love, have discipline, be independent and work hard. Shirley was loving, feisty, strict, faithful and had a great sense of

north of Browerville. They farmed for 45 years. In 1997 they moved into Clarissa.

Rena's first love was for Jesus, whom she trusted as her Lord and Savior on July 27, 1952. She remained faithful to her Christian calling as a faithful, loving and caring wife and mother. She had the gift of hospitality, teaching the Bible and sewing. She enjoyed her friends, housekeeping and outdoor life.

Rena was very thankful to God for healing her of cancer in 1973, giving her the privilege of sharing her life with her husband and mothering her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rena is survived by seven children: Gary (Deb) Halbersma of Urbandale, Iowa, Patsy (Harold) Landaw of Norwood, Myron Halbersma of Johnston, Iowa, Susan (Greg) Korfe of Long Prairie, Ross (Patti) Halbersma of Stephens City, Virginia, Alan (Lori) Halbersma of Browerville and Ruth (Jeff) Przybyl-

June Cline

June Cline, 87, of Browerville, left her earthly home, surrounded by her family, on October 3, 2020, under the care of Lakewood Home Health and Hospice.

Funeral services were held Oct. 9, at the Motley Free Methodist Church.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

June Ann was born November 25, 1932, in Bertha to James and Ann (Dvorak) Adamek. On June 7, 1950, she married Harry Cline in Staples at the United Methodist Church. June and Harry made their home on a farmstead in Moran Township near Browerville where they lived for 60 years raising their children and farming together.

June's hobbies included woodworking, sewing, gardening and lawn mowing. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will forever be blessed with her memory as they use a birdhouse, blanket, or embroidered towel specially made for them by her.

June's faith was important to her. She was a lifetime member of the Staples Ladies Auxiliary and St. Isidore's Catholic Church where she was active in many groups and served on the council for many years.

June was an amazing caregiver and possessed an empathy that was extraordinary. She was most known for her loving and caring nature. June's family was most important to her.

Obituaries

Barbara Mertens

Barbara (Barb) Mertens, 63, of Wadena passed away October 2, 2020, at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND after many years of failing health.

Private services will be held.

Barb was born March 1, 1957 to Fredrick and Frances Mertens in Staples.

Barb was a loving mother, a devote Catholic and a wonderful friend. She was a giver and loved helping people. She lived in Wadena the last 27 years of her life. During that time, she worked at many local businesses and made friends everywhere she went. To Barb, everyone she loved was family. Her children's friends often called her "mom" and considered her house to be a second home. She loved to cook and was known around town and in her family, for her potato salad. Barb brought joy to so many lives. When advised to "remember the good times," her mother said "with Barb, there were only good times." She will be deeply missed.

Barb is survived by her mother; three children, Melissa (Ryan) Cassell, Jordan Mertens and Nich-



olas Mertens; her partner of 22 years, Jeff Lorentz; one sister, Susan Weizel; two brothers, Michael (Pamala) Mertens and Paul Mertens; two step-children, Angela Lorentz and Alexander Lorentz; many, many friends and three well loved cats.

She was preceeded in death by her father.

Donations and condolences for the family can be made through Taylor Funeral Home in Staples, MN.

Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.

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Jerald Cory

Jerald "Jerry" Cory, 72, of Staples died October 10, 2020 at his residence in Staples.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 19, at Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples and will continue one hour prior to services Monday at the church in Motley.

Burial will be in the Poplar Cemetery, Leader.

Jerry was born in Wadena on February 19, 1948 to Donald and Maybelle (Dumpprope) Cory. He grew up on the family farm near Leader. As a young boy he could always be found taking things apart and putting them back together. Jerry worked as a machinist for Douglas Tool, until his retirement. He enjoyed tinkering, staying busy tinkering on his Fords and deep thinking about tinkering. Jerry was always willing to take on a challenge. He was a "Jack of many trades" building houses and shops for himself along with helping others with their projects - whether it was plumbing, electricity or any other need. He took great pride in his family and cared for many extended family members throughout the years. Jerry was compassionate, witty, optimistic, loyal and an inventive perfectionist,



who was always willing to lend a helping hand. All who knew him will dearly miss him.

Jerry is survived by four children, Nolan (Carol) Cory of Oregon, Nyrea (Michael) Thielges of Otsego, Nyanne Angell of Georgia and Michelle (Matthew) Lundquist of Staples; significant other, Penny Tester of Staples; three sisters, Jayne (Dennis) Hanson of Leader, Lola (Mark) Lind of Staples, Marlys (Ted) Utz of Staples; one brother, Keith "George" Cory of Leader; 13 grandchildren, Ariel, Connor, Renisa, Navarre, Kayson, Kody, Kayne, Conan, Jordan, Jessie, Jack, Lily, Ethan; five great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Nyllynn Cory; infant brother, David Cory; grandparents and many aunts and uncles.

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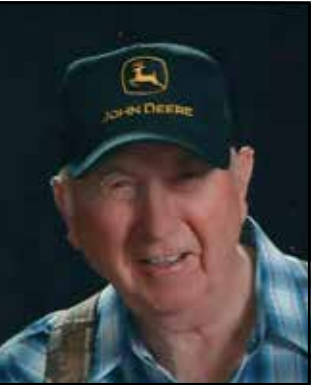
Robert Weishalla

Robert (Bob) Weishalla passed away on October 8, 2020, peacefully with family by his side at United Hospital in St. Paul.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. October 14, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples with parish prayers at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday with a luncheon to follow at the Browerville Community Center.

Bob was born August 16, 1939 to Robert J. and Susan C. (Ziegler) Weishalla in Staples where he grew up on a farm with his five brothers. Bob graduated from Staples High School in 1957. He then went to work at Northern Pump in the Twin Cities for five years as a Machinist. He met Rita and the couple were married on July 1, 1963 and moved back to Staples where he started a farm and farmed for the remainder of his life. He was also a machinist with 3M for 30 years. Bob enjoyed being on his farm raising crops and beef cattle, driving his John Deere tractors, hunting and fishing. He was a rock hound and enjoyed searching for agates with his kids.

Bob is survived by his



wife, Rita (Smieja) of 57 years; two sons, Robert and Ryan; two daughters, Rita (Dave) Sorgert and Ronat (Ron Perish) Converse; five grandchildren, Nathan (Angie) Sorgert, Robert (Nicole) Sorgert, Taylor (Joe Amador) Converse, Hayden Weishalla, Robert Hunter Weishalla; three great-grandchildren, Jordan Frank, Avery Gerhard, Elias Sorgert; two brothers, Gale (Donna) Weishalla, Leon (Bernice) Weishalla; sister-in-law, Barb Peterson and many nieces and nephews.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law Michael and Mary Smieja; three brothers Lawrence (Bud), Jerome and Tom and two sons, Russell Harold and Rodney Joseph.

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Cardinal football action

Above, Max Strickland (1) and Logen Weite (44) combine to tackle a Pillager runner early in the game on Oct. 9. Top right, Chandler Braith escapes tacklers for a big run after a catch. Far right, Hunter Martin leaps high to pull in a touchdown pass. Right, Alex Ross-Bahn and Dominic Gomez protect the quarterback on a pass play.

The Cardinals tied the game at six in the second quarter on a touchdown by Sivert Klefsaas, but two Pillager touchdowns put them down 22-6 at halftime. Pillager scored twice more in the second half before Hunter Martin ran in a score and caught a touchdown pass to make the final score 37-18. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Cardinal volleyball action

Left, Leah Bestland has choices of who to set. Right, Heidi Lombard pops the ball up before it hits the floor for one of her 18 digs against Crosby-Ironton. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Cardinals sweep in first volleyball matches

The Staples-Motley volleyball team opened their season with two convincing wins. The Cardinals defeated Crosby-Ironton 3-0 on Oct. 8 and won against Swanville on Oct. 10, also 3-0.

Tabetha Allen led the team against C-I with 11 kills, and Morgan Becker took over against Swanville, with 12 kills.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, Crosby-Ironton 0

25-13, 25-11, 25-15
Morgan Becker: digs-6, kills-4
Brooke Heldman: digs-2, kills-1
Leah Bestland: Ace serves-2, digs-5, assists-8
Bo Erholtz: digs-1, kills-1
Tabetha Allen: digs-5, assists-1, kills-11
Libby O'Neil: digs-3
Ava Schneider: Ace-1, digs-5, assists-7
Klaire Storry: ace-2, assist-1, kills-3, block-1
Heidi Lombard: ace-3, digs-18, assist-1

Staples-Motley 3, Swanville 0

25-19, 25-7, 25-17
Becker: Ace Serve-1, dig-11, kills-12, block-1
Heldman: dig-1, kills-1
Storry: Ace Serve-2, digs-11, block-1
Allen: Ace serves-2, digs-5, assist-1, kills-9
Schneider: Ace serves-3, dig1, assists-8, kills-1
Erholtz: kills-3
Bestland: Ace serve-1, digs-10, assists-15
Lombard: Ace serve-1, digs-15, assist-1, kill-1
Maggie Claussen: digs-2
Emilya Case: blocks-1



Covering the floor

Ava Schneider redirects a ball to the setter after catching up to a tipped ball.

Runners sweep Mid State conference meet

Emmet Anderson won the Mid State Conference cross country meet for the fourth year in a row, finishing in 16:19 at Crosby-Ironton.

"That is an amazing feat," said Coach Bruce Fuhman. "He worked in establishing the race pace and then ran a negative split in his second mile, meaning his second mile was faster than his first."

Both the boys and girls team won the conference meet for the second year in a row. In this meet, three teams ran in an early race and three teams ran in a late race to keep with the season's rule of limiting races to 25 runners, and the scores of both races were combined.

"We have trained with the mindset of competing against ourselves all season," said Fuhman.

The Cardinal girls had their top five scorers named all conference for placing in the top ten. Aften Robinson, Kyanna Burton, Audrey Brownell, Ashley Robben, and Naila Mikhaeil

"The girls separated from the other team runners to focus on establishing their own pace," said Fuhman.

"They dominated the conference meet."

Aften Robinson finished strong to place third in the girls race. Kyanna Burton was not at 100 percent but pushed to a fourth place finish.

"Aften continues to show her growth in competitive running each meet and finished first for the team today," said Fuhman. "The girls were impressive, as they have been all season. It was a total team effort from runners one through eight."

In the boys race, Lyle Brownell, Issiah Tabatt, and Luke Brownell also ran in the top ten to earn all-conference honors. Tanner Robben, Logan Robben, and Grant Johnson were recognized as all-conference honorable mention for placing in the top 15, meaning the entire scoring team were all recognized as all-conference.

"We talked about the importance of winning the conference meet in giving us momentum heading into the Section meet next week," said Fuhman. "We need this. We have a few things to address in becoming better and we plan to be in top form."

The boys run their section race Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Long Prairie, at 5:30 p.m. The girls team runs Thursday, Oct. 15, at New London-Spicer, and will race at 4:15 p.m.

There is no state meet approved yet, but Fuhman said the team will continue to train as if there will be a state meet.

Team results

Mid State Conference Boys Varsity (5,000 meters)

Staples-Motley 24, Park Rapids 54, Pequot Lakes 73, Detroit Lakes 92, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 129, Crosby-Ironton 177

1. Emmet Anderson 16:19, 3. Lyle Brownell 17:40, 4. Issiah Tabatt 17:49, 5. Luke Brownell 17:55, 11. Tanner Robben 18:36, 13. Logan Robben 18:44, 14. Grant Johnson 18:53, 21. Sam Jennissen 19:46

Girls Varsity (5,000 meters)

Staples-Motley 29, Pequot Lakes 47, Detroit Lakes 79, Crosby-Ironton 85, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 109

3. Aften Robinson 19:45, 4. Kyanna Burton 20:32, 5. Audrey Brownell 20:54, 8. Ashley Robben 21:29, 9. Naila Mikhaeil 21:50, 22. Addisyn Cichos 24:05, 30. Arabella Moore 25:07, 39. Abby Brown 27:15

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Crazy time to be a Cardinal

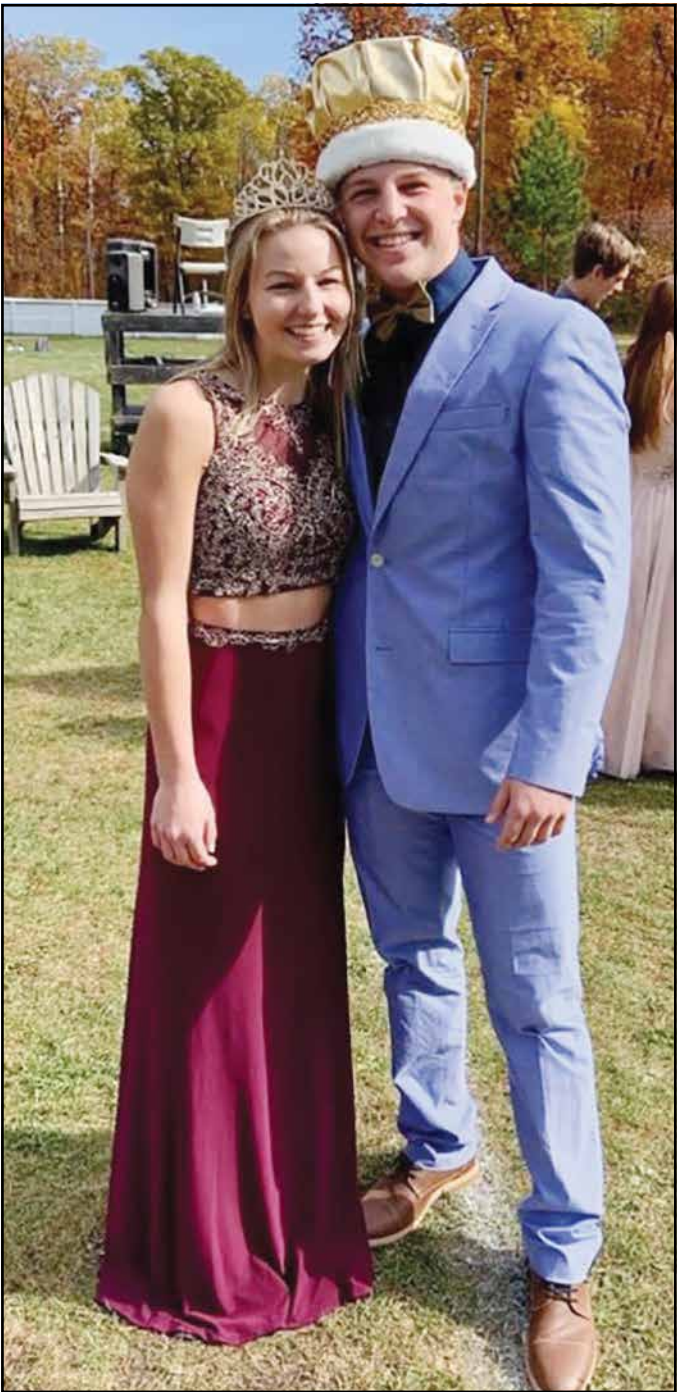
Cardinal Days were held as a replacement for Homecoming at Staples-Motley schools this year. The week long event was highlighted by a school trip to Camp Shamineau on Oct. 8, where students participated in activities including ropes course, zip line, pontoon ride, horseback riding, archery, crafts, climbing wall and Powder Puff football. Above, Cardinal Days royalty after they were announced at the football field on Oct. 2, from left, Emmet Anderson, Max Strickland, Heidi Lombard, Logen Weite, Rose Han, Cole Winkels, Lizzie Noble and Payton Bjerga. Right, Ava Schneider and Max Strickland were named Queen and King at the coronation at Camp Shamineau. During the week, the royalty visited the elementary schools and other places in the area. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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sis, by overcoming complex barriers related to healthy eating and healing.” The meals are prepared by Hilltop Kitchen in Eagle Bend and delivered, contact-free to the patient’s home.

In addition to funding Meals at COVID+, the grant will also support the Cardinal PAX program which provides weekend meals for school-age children.

The grant funding period ends Dec. 31, 2020, but will be reassessed if there is continued need.



Several JCI Staples members received Presidential Medallions recently from JCI MN President Gwendolyn Labovitch for setting an example of what it means to be an outstanding Jaycee. Pictured above, from left, are Labovitch and Local Chapter President Paige Lenk, who received her medallion during the JCI MN Spring All State Virtual Convention.

Four other Staples JCI members received medals during the JCI Staples 'Parade of Dreams' at Dower Lake in Staples this past August. Pictured below, top row from left, are Ashley Hanson, JCI Staples Membership Vice President; Thomas (TJ) McCall. Bottom, from left, are Cassandra (Cassie) Schulke and Josi Longbottom.

The heart-shaped medallions from Labovitch are inscribed by her, "With a heart full of gratitude and appreciation for your passion and devotion to JCI Minnesota. Change our World." (Submitted photos)



A woman with short grey hair, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved top and light-colored pants, stands centrally. She is surrounded by various terms associated with menopause, such as 'hot flashes', 'sleep issues', 'weight gain', 'mood swings', 'night sweats', 'dry skin', 'anxiety', 'panic attacks', 'thinning hair', 'hormones', 'chills', and 'menopause' (in large orange letters).

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