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Apple season Tammy Rick of Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center, right, talks to students from Magic Forest Preschool about the apples that grow at the college's farm. After learning about apples, the students were invited to pick apples from the trees. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Robertson returns to her musical roots with SAWC

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

With new ideas and new energy, Breanna Robertson is the new director of the Staples Area Women's Chorus (SAWC), after being a choir member for five years. "I am hoping to add a

wider variety of music to the SAWC's repertoire as well as growing the group in number and age range. I also am hoping to one day take the group on a performance tour, even if it's just to towns around Minnesota," she said. She is a graduate of Staples-Motley High School,

where she participated in choir, orchestra, madrigal dinners, musicals, and bell choir. "I am so proud to be able to have the opportunity to give back to the community that gave so much to me," she said. See **SAWC** on page 12a

Hamp enjoying 'goosebump moments' with SAMC

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC) has a new director, Teresa Hamp. She touted the community building potential of this legendary choir. "The pandemic nearly killed community music making, and with lots of determination we have seen it begin to make a comeback," said Hamp. "We owe it to our communities to bring in these high

level experiences and share them as much as we can." Hamp has been performing music from a young age, becoming the regular pianist for her church at age 13. At Sebeka High School, Hamp participated in concert band, jazz band, marching band, piano lessons, concert choir and show choir. She graduated from the University of Jamestown (ND) with a degree in music education and a minor in character in leadership. She taught in Hancock for three years, then moved to the area with her husband Steven to teach choir at Pine River-Backus. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in music education. In 2023, she was invited to be the Choral Director at the American Legion Minnesota Girls State. "I discovered that I really enjoyed working with groups outside of my own

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Brianna Robertson, left, with the Staples Area Women's Chorus at the Little Red Caboose Variety Show during Railroad Days. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Teresa Hamp directs the Staples Area Men's Chorus at the Little Red Caboose Variety Show during Railroad Days. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Weather

2024

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 25	79	50	Sunny
Sept. 26	81	53	Sunny
Sept. 27	81	52	M. Sunny
Sept. 28	82	53	P. Cloudy
Sept. 29	80	52	M. Sunny
Sept. 30	70	49	Cloudy
Oct. 1	61	42	P. Sunny

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 25	65°	55	Cloudy
Sept. 26	71	58	Cloudy
Sept. 27	68	59	Cloudy
Sept. 28	71	60	Cloudy
Sept. 29	70	59	Cloudy
Sept. 30	72	62	Cloudy
Oct. 1	89	68	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 63° Low = 43°
A wet week ahead

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Evergreen Hill Cemetery 9A
Region Five 9A
Todd Commissioners 9A
Freshwater 10A

-Folklore:
"If the storms of
September clear off
warm, the storms of
winter will be warm"
-Almanac

Jennissen named Central Lakes College Outstanding Educator

Central Lakes College Practical Nursing instructor Sarah Jennissen has been named the college's 2024-25 Outstanding Educator. This honor includes nominations by students and peers, as well as a recommendation from a committee of CLC employees. "Sarah's dedication to students is second to none," said Dr. Hara Charlier, President of CLC. "She puts her heart into each class and truly cares about each student she teaches, both as a person and as a future Practical Nurse. Every day, Sarah demonstrates our values of excellence, innovation, inclusion and community." Jennissen said it's an honor to be recognized for her work. "I am passionate about being a nurse. I am passionate about teaching nursing," she said. "I find it an honor

to walk alongside students as they become nurses. CLC gives me the opportunity to have a career that I enjoy and get excited about." Jennissen said a key component to her teaching philosophy is the relationship between the student and teacher. "I think this directly impacts their ability to learn from me. I find it valuable to build this relationship," she said. "I am among a great group of colleagues. I work within a program, and that means I collaborate as a team of faculty, where we all work together towards the best student outcomes as we teach." Jennissen will represent CLC at the BOT Award ceremony this spring and will be under consideration for selection as one of several Minnesota State BOT Educators of the Year. Previous



Nursing educator

Sarah Jennissen with a nursing student at CLC (Submitted photo)

CLC educators to receive this high honor include Darci Goeden, Betsy Picciano, Adam Marcotte, Kari Frisch and Tanya Hotting-Mrazek.

Motley area law enforcement

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

Sept. 11 - 17

Sept. 17 - Motley Police received a call from the Dairy Queen in Motley, reporting suspicious activity.

Sept. 17 - Motley Police received a call from a Motley resident reporting a bad check on a closed account for \$750.50.

Sept. 15 - Motley Police received a report of the theft of a 2016 reefer semi trailer valued at \$28,000. The incident took place at the 200 block of Hwy 10 W., Motley, and was taken between Sept. 8 - 14.

Sept. 13 - Motley Police issued a citation to Lynsey Eileen Maloney, 33, for using a cellphone while driving.

Sept. 12 - Motley Police issued a speeding citation to Tiphaney Shauniece Mckenzie, 36.

Sept. 16 - Morrison County deputies responded to a burglary report at the 25000 block of Basswood Rd., Cushing.

Sept. 15 - Morrison County deputies received a report of property damage at the 33000 block of W. Shamineau Dr., Motley.

Sept. 15 - The MCSO received a report of a suspicious vehicle at the 4900 block of 320th St., Cushing.

Sept. 11 - Morrison County deputies arrested Andrew Dean Hellmers, 60, for driving under the influence, and driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety.

Cass Cty absentee ballots for State General Election

Voters may apply now for absentee ballots for the upcoming November 5, 2024, State General Election on-line, in-person, by mail, or by submitting a completed application via fax or email.

The State General Election Ballot will include the offices of U.S. President and Vice President; U.S. Senator; U.S. Representative District 8; State Representative Districts 2B, 5A and 5B, 6A; County Commissioner Districts 2, 3 and 5; Soil and Water District Supervisor Districts 2, 3, and 4; Supreme Court Chief Justice, Associate Justices Seat 5 and 6; Minnesota Court of Appeals Judges Seats 2, 3, 4, 6, 8,12, and 14; Ninth Judicial District Judges Seats 3, 7, 9, 10, 13, and 24. One Constitutional Amendment

Question will be on the ballot Titled-Environmental and Natural Recourses Trust Fund Renewal.

For information, applications, in-person absentee voting and a complete list of Cass County absentee ballot locations, contact the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 218-547-7260, or visit the Cass County website at www.casscountymn.gov Elections/Voting link. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The office is located at the Cass County Courthouse, 303 Minnesota Avenue West, Walker, Minnesota. All absentee ballot locations will have extended hours for absentee voting for the upcoming primary election:

- (1) until 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election; November 4, 2024
- (2) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the two Saturdays before the election; October 26 & November 2, 2024
- (3) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Sunday immediately before the election; November 3, 2024
- (4) until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election; November 4, 2024.



Responded to a call

Staples Firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide call at the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE in Staples the afternoon of Sept. 12. Staples Fire Chief Cole Yungbauer said that they checked everything out and discovered the alarm was faulty. "It turned out to be a minor incident, for the good," Chief Yungbauer said. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Jumpin' Jehosafats concert raises money for Haiti

The Jumpin' Jehosafats performed at Motley United Methodist Church Aug. 29, with proceeds from the offering going to benefit the projects of the Haiti Partnership of Central Minnesota. The band, whose members include present and retired staff from United Methodist Churches in Minnesota, played a variety of music during their concert, including Dixieland, gospel and jazz standards. Concert-goers also had the opportunity to see a slide show that highlighted current projects of the Haiti Partnership, including the installation of water filters and helping provide medical care in Haiti. Pictured in lower photo at the concert, from left, are Lois Bense, Bruce Quinn and Gayle Quinn, all of Motley. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Motley Police busy, city approves forming a community outreach committee

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

August was a busy month for the Motley Police Dept., and Police Chief Al Yoder expects September to be the same.

"It's the highest since I've been here," Chief Yoder told the council at their regular meeting Sept. 16, going on to note there were 84 calls during August, and that he was called out from home three times. The average number of monthly calls is 50, Yoder said.

One of the challenges he's run into on the job involves victims who've been dropped off in town (usually at one of the gas stations) and have no funds for food or shelter. Police Yoder said he's grateful for the non-profit organization, Hands of Hope, that's "stepped up to the plate" a number of times, helping to purchase a bus ticket for someone in need, or a pre-paid cell phone so they can call a family member or friend.

Because of their help to the Motley Police Dept. in the past, Chief Yoder asked the council if they'd consider donating \$1,000

to Hands of Hope, with the funds coming from the 10-percent funds. "It's a thank-you from me," the chief said, noting that their help during these situations is something he doesn't take for granted. They have a 24-hour phone line, and Chief Yoder's been able to reach out to them at various times.

After some discussion, the council unanimously approved donating \$1,000 to Hands of Hope.

However, Hands of Hope can't help with food, and Chief Yoder can't personally cover costs of people who have been stranded in Motley without funds for shelter or food.

Later in the meeting, City Clerk/Treasurer Tami Brotherton said that she and Chief Yoder have been discussing the need for a Community Outreach committee, and a way to disperse funds from the city's 10-percent funds to people in need.

Chief Yoder said he's reached out to Pastor Jim Johnson at the Motley Free Methodist Church, to see if they would be willing/able to hand out vouchers for gas and food when needed.

They didn't have all of the particulars, but Yoder and Brotherton both noted the need for a committee to be formed and a policy to be put into place. They both expressed interest in being on this committee, as did council member April Skeesick-Larson. Tami Brotherton said that she felt her husband Bruce Brotherton, the city's Public Works Director, should be on it as well. Bruce Brotherton was not at the meeting.

The council subsequently approved forming the Outreach Committee as presented.

In other matters the council:

- APPROVED, during a public hearing, an amendment to the Floodplain Ordinance.
- APPROVED the Comprehensive Plan proposal which had previously been discussed at a planning and zoning commission meeting.
- APPROVED the fire department spending \$5,000 as required regarding the 50/50 DNR grant they received last April.
- APPROVED, as requested by Fire Chief Brad Olson, setting a hiring committee to interview potential firefighters. Council members April Skeesick-Larson and Steve Johnson volunteered to be on it.
- APPROVED the preliminary 2024 tax levy for both Cass and Morrison counties, collectible in 2025. The proposed total certified levy is \$437,981, which

is a 3.25 percent increase from last year's final levy. This includes a 2.57 percent COLA (Cost Of Living Allowance).

- SET the Truth in Taxation Meeting for Monday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m.
- APPROVED, as presented, City Clerk/Treasurer Tami Brotherton's request to apply for three grants from Sourcewell. These include a Match Funds grant for a collection of projects, including locks, sweeper and new computers; Boost Funds grant for a few things in city hall, including a new urinal in the men's bathroom; and a Third Party Reimbursement grant for Clerk Training and Comprehensive Plan.
- APPROVED the police department applying for a Sourcewell Boost Fund grant for a gun safe.
- HEARD an update from the committee tasked with researching a keyless entry system at city hall. Subsequently, the council approved moving forward with this project. It will be funded by the above-mentioned Sourcewell grant, should that be received. The second funding option would be the building fund.
- SET a committee to review the Personnel Manual. This will include council members Mayor Pat O'Regan and Dennis Erickson, and the department heads.
- SET the next regular council meeting for Monday, Oct. 14, at 5:30 p.m.

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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. 1 to May 1 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. 1, you must park your car on the even side of the Street or Avenue by midnight because that will be Oct. 2, an even day of the calendar.

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Staples Police report

Sept. 9, Staples Police received a in person complaint of juveniles ripping rocks out of a retaining wall. Police located the juveniles, informed their parents, and the renter of the property.

Sept. 10, Staples Police and Fire Department responded to a gas leak at the Love Motel. The motel was evacuated and gas line terminated until gas valves are replaced in the building. The MN state fire marshal also responded.

Sept. 11, Staples Police responded to a report of a man sleeping in the entryway of Tower Pizza. The homeless man left and was told to sty away from the business.

Sept. 11, Staples Police received a report of a party tampering with the back door of a business during the night. The party was identified as a homeless party involved in other calls for service.

Sept. 11, Staples Police were dispatched to the Staples School Bus garage to take a report of a stop arm violation. Report was taken along with video evidence.

Sept. 11, a homeless party who had been staying at the Love Motel was looking for assistance with money. The party was referred to a homeless shelter.

Sept. 12, effective Sept. 12 at 11 a.m., the Love Hotel is closed for business until they meet minimum qualifications for code and repair violations.

Sept. 12, Staples Police were dispatched to Sta-

ples-Motley High School to meet with school staff who reported juvenile trouble.

Sept. 13, Staples Police were dispatched to Dower Lake Campground regarding a child locked in a vehicle. Police were assisted by Scott's Southtown with the call.

Sept. 14, Staples Police received a report of a possible assault that occurred at Pine Grove Park.

Sept. 14, Staples Police were advised on a mini bike that was driving up and down 8th Street NE. Police found the drivers of the bikes and warned about driving on public road with no lights.

Sept. 15, Staples Police were advised of a disturbance at Becks Burger Co. Police identified the individuals and got them to walk home for the night.

Sept. 15, Staples Police responded to the 500 block of Warner Road regarding a juvenile runaway. Police located the juvenile at a friend's place and cited them for being out past curfew violation.

Sept. 15, Staples Police were requested to do a welfare check on an individual. Police located the individual in their home and helped transport them to a safe place.

Sept. 15, Staples Police were dispatched to the 800 block of 8th Street NE for an individual who overdosed. The Staples Ambulance assisted with transporting the subject to the hospital.



2024 England Prairie tractor pull. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

England Prairie Pioneer Days tractor pull results

- England Prairie Pioneer Days held their antique tractor pull featuring 50 years and older tractors on August 24 at the grounds located near Verndale.
- Youngest Puller:** Levi Novak, 14, Foley
- Oldest Puller:** Ken Koepkale, 76, Freeport
- Farthest Traveled:** David Burski, Carrolltown, PA (was here visiting grandparents and borrowed his grandpa's 1957 Ford)
- Stock Class**
- 3500
- 1: Dan Wittmer, Parker's Prairie 1948 Cockshutt, 250.92 ft
- 2: Levi Novak, Foley, 1939 JD B, 240.69
- 4000
- 1: Dan Wittmer, Parker's Prairie 1948 Cockshutt, 291.98
- 2: Kevin Arnholt,Fergus Falls, 1953 Farmall H, 296.06
- 4500
- 1: Wayne Kimber, Hewitt, 1939 IH M, 291.47
- 2: Kevin Arnholt, Fergus Falls, 1953 Farmall H, 216.91
- 5000
- 1: Wayne Kimber, Hewitt, 1939 IH M, 244.79
- 2: Hayden Kalinde, Lowry, 1956 Oliver S88, 237.70
- 5500
- 1: Gene George, Battle Lake, 1954 Farmall M, 311.29
- 2: Justin Novak, Rainey, 1945 JD G, 296.04
- 6000
- 1: Dalton Drayna, Mil-tona, 1960 IH 560, 331.43
- 2: Garrett Baron, Wadena, Farmall 450, 336.06
- 6500
- 1: Dalton Drayna, Mil-tona, 1960 IH 560, 289.68
- 2: Garrett Baron, Wadena, Farmall 450, 287.05
- 7500
- 1: Jonah Berg, Eagle Bend, 1961 JD 400, 309.45
- 2: Jon Hausmann, Alexandria, 1958 Farmall 450, 286.64
- 8500
- 1: Seth Hess, Fort Ripley, 1967 JD 3020, 288.76
- 2: Lucas Douvier, Villard, 1962 Farmall 560, 287.24
- 9500
- 1: Lucas Douvier, Villard 1962 Farmall 560, 290.05
- 2: Brock Farber, Osakis, 1959 Farmall 560, 288.20
- 10500
- 1: Seth Hess, Fort Ripley, 1967 JD 300, 335.02
- 2: Jason Runge, Eagle Bend, 1974 IH 966, 288.20
- Improved**
- 3500
- 1: Dennis Richter, Vern-dale, 1957 Ford 813, 138.06
- 2: Hayden Klina, Lowry, 1956 Oliver 77, 107.88
- 4500
- 1: Mark Sonnenberg, Frazee, 1958 Farmall 460, 254.06
- 2: Wayne Kimber, Hewitt, 1962 IH 460, 248.29
- 5000
- 1: Dalton Drayna, Mil-tona, 1959 IH 460, 316.24
- 2: Wayne Kimber, Hewitt, 1962 IH 460, 298.66
- 5500
- 1: Dalton Drayna, Mil-tona, 1959 IH 460, 345.21
- 2: Larry Sanwick, Grey Eagle, 1953 MM UB, 318.06
- 6000
- 1: Cody Rust, Long Prai-rie, 1930 JD G, 294.56
- 2: Riley Dietz, Osakis, 1959 Farmall 560, 269.26
- 6500
- 1: Wyatt Johanning, Park Rapids, 1951 JD G, 286.50
- 2: Cody Rust, Long Prai-rie, 1937 JD G, 286.04

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• Sept. 29, 1949 - Announc-ing the opening of Skelly Cafe - 24-Hour Service. Featuring Steaks, French Fries, Chops, Short Orders, Orders to Take Out. George and Ray Snook.

• Sept. 29, 1949 - Fran Christianson, agency man-ager of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune in Staples, announced this week that the winner of the news-boys contest will release a carrier pigeon Saturday at noon, on the corner of Main St. and 2nd Ave.

For the past two weeks, the newsboys have been running a heated contest to get the most orders for the Tribune. Wednesday morn-

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ing, Jimmy Frazier was leading, but by Saturday the lead may go to someone else.

The carrier pigeon will carry an order for the Tri-bunes to the Minneapolis Star and Tribune Building.

• Sept. 29, 1949 - One person is still hospitalized and five others were treated for cuts and bruises follow-ing a car accident Saturday evening on a county road two and one half miles from Clarissa.

Mrs. George Sadlo, 64, is in the Thiel Hospital at Bertha with two broken fingers and severe bruises. Her husband, George Sadlo, 71, was released follow-ing treatment for cuts and bruises. The others injured were Keith Oldenberg, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Oldenberg of Staples; Rich-ard Mertens, 17,; Elaine Winter and Irene Larson, all of Rt. 2 Staples.

Mr. and Mrs. Sadlo were returning to their farm home from Clarissa, when they made a left turn and hit head-on with the 1936 Ford driven by Mr. Olden-berg. The four young people were e route to the dance at the Clarissa Pavilion when the accident occurred.

Mr. Sadlo was driving a 1938 Ford. Both cars were completely demolished. Keith was on leave from the



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1974. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the con-text of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where

you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The an-swers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Navy, and had been visiting his parents.

• Sept. 29, 1949 - Jimmy Murphy, eight year old son of Dr. and Mrs. James Murphy of this city, was stricken with polio Satur-day, and was rushed that evening to the University Hospital in Minneapolis. Jimmy is the first in Staples or the surrounding commu-nity to contract the disease. He is in the third grade at the Sacred Heart School.

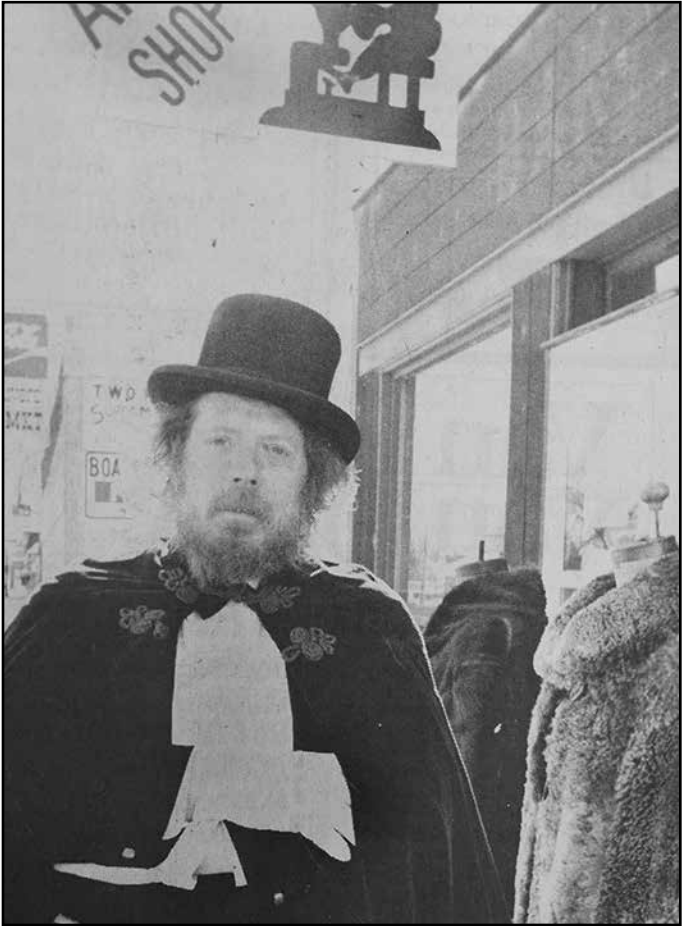
• Sept. 29, 1949 - The Men's Chorus realized over \$200 from their carnival, which they sponsored Tues-day in the Staples auditorium.

Chairman of the car-nival, which was to raise money for their new tux-edos, was B. C. Blessing. Although the crowd wasn't as large as they expected, everyone had a good time.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• Sept. 26, 1974 - The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ebertowski was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, Sept. 22, and the family lost all their furniture, home furnish-ings and personal belongs in the blaze.

Leo Fahnlander, Staples fire chief, said that the Sta-ples Police received a call of a fire southeast of town.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Nov. 12, 1987 edition of the Staples World featured Robert Jenkins of Motley, wearing an outfit from the mid-1800s, which he was going to model as part of a benefit vintage fashion show at the Motley High School.

Marinell (Jo) Philipp of Motley correctly identi-fied Jenkins, as did Brad Farber of Staples. Farber recalled that "Bobby John" was always having garage sales and would often wear that outfit. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Fahnlander was notified and he and the police officer went to the scene, which was 2:45 a.m. and the house was on fire down to the foun-dation at that time.

The Ebertowski home is located about three miles southeast of Staples. The Ebertowskis were in Minne-apolis over the weekend to attend a wedding.

• Sept. 26, 1974 - At its reg-ular monthly meeting last Tuesday, the board of educa-tion of Independent School District 793 hired three per-sons, and approved asking for bids on two school buses and a vocational school car, among other items on an agenda that kept the board in session for five and one-half hours.

The three persons hired are Mary Ellen Braaten, a replacement for Mrs. Ade-line Peterson, retired spe-cial learning behavior problems instructor; Leah Ann Larson, instrumental music instructor (who also will teach swimming); and Pat Dobson, janitor in the vocational institute. Miss Larson will work half time in the music depart-ment, and will put in three hours per day as swimming instructor at aide's pay of \$2.15 per hour. Dobson's base starting salary will be \$2.70 per hour.

• Sept. 26, 1974 - The Church of the Nazarene, Staples, will dedicate their new church at special ser-vices Sunday, Sept. 29, according to the Rev. Wilbur Moulton, pastor.

Guest speaker for the ser-vice will be Rev. Norman W. Bloom of Minneapolis. Spe-cial music will be rendered by the Cliff Nygren family and others.

This past spring the church of the Nazarene pur-chased the building of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, located on Wisconsin Ave. and Third St. S.W.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• Sept. 30, 1999 - Finally putting all the parts together, the Cardinals turned into a potent scoring machine to down East Grand Forks 35-8 on their home field on Sept. 24.

Tony Johnson scored twice, on an 80 yard run and a two yard run. Tim Rutten scored on a 27 yard intercep-tion, and a short run. Jon Reis added another touch-down as the Cards were in control all the way.

• Sept. 30, 1999 - The 1999 Homecoming King and queen will be chosen from these six boys and six girls in the Class of 2000. The senior queen candidates are Missy Matejicka, Kelly Schmidt, Jayme Hajek, Darcy Reese, Sarah Berg and Amanda Noska. The king candidates are Tim Rutten, Kurt Detloff, Jeff Lorber, Cyal Lecy, Brent Sorenson and Evan Frisk. Coronation ceremonies will kick off Homecoming week on Oct. 2.

• Sept. 30, 1999 - A guy wants to go fishing once in awhile, he says.

With fishing and hunt-ing and a few other out-door pursuits, Dick Nagel should be just about ready to retire. He says he has retired. After all, he's down to working just three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

That is a far cry from 50 years ago. Back then a barber put in 6 days a week, and an eight-hour day was a short one. Dick Nagel recalls those days, the way things were when he came to Staples 50 years ago in November, 1949.

"Things have changed a lot. When I first came up, we had five barbers in town back then, besides me," he said.

He set to work on Nov. 7, 1949. He has been barbering in Staples ever since.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• Sept. 25, 2014 - Four gen-erations gathered recently to celebrate the 100th birth-day of Hazel (Adams) Bailey, born Aug. 27, 1914. She spent much of her life in Randall, but has lived at Lakewood Pines in Staples for the past few years. Hazel's birth-day party was held at the Church of Christ in Staples, where she is a member.

• Sept. 25, 2014 - Rita Stone recently presented Fran Mertens checks worth \$700 for the Staples Food Shelf. The money came from the penny auction held by the Staples Con-gregational Church during Railroad Days. A similar donation was given to the Motley Food Shelf.

• Sept. 25, 2014 - Queen Nikki Edin and King Joe Hess were crowned during the Staples Motley High School Homecoming Coro-nation ceremony Sept. 21.



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SMHS Homecoming candidates announced

The 2024 Staples-Motley High School Homecoming Coronation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Centennial Auditorium at 10:10 a.m. Pictured above are members of the Royal Court. Back row, from left, are king candidates Alex Schultz, Steven Petrich, Peyton Mithun, Ben Tyrrell, Jack Carlson, Sawyer Ferdon. Front row, from left, are queen candidates Miranda Schotzko, Jade Storry, Lilly Tyrrell, Corinne Olson, Olivia Opheim, Livi Lorber. (Submitted photo)

Mark Your Calendar

September 26

‘WALK WITH A Doc’ Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System’s main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Sept. 26, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael’s Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Phil Miller, caller. For info., 612-743-3480.

September 27

WOMEN’S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

September 28

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 - 10:30 a.m., at Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley.

September 29

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

September 30

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

October 1

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

RUBY’S PANTRY will be held Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples.

‘GRIEF SHARE’ GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church basement, through Dec. 17. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

Cardinal Calendar SM school events

September

HOMECOMING WEEK Sept. 23-27

October

MEA - No SCHOOL Oct. 17-18

FALL CONCERTS - BAND, CHOIR, ORCHESTRA 7-8th Grade, 6 p.m.; 9 - 12th Grade, 7:30 p.m.

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- Tues., Oct. 8 Spot Cafe, Staples, 11 a.m.-2 p.m...\$15 Beef Roast Dinner
- Weds., Oct. 9 Anchor North, Lake Alex...\$20 Chicken Marsala Pasta Dinner
- Sat., Oct. 12 2 Tall Tavern, Cushing...\$20 Gator Wrap Basket
- Sun., Oct. 13 Brick's Travel Center...\$17 Brunch Buffet

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Hendrickson receives cross-endorsement from the Independence Alliance Party of Minnesota

Hello neighbors, I’m Gregg Hendrickson, candidate for Minnesota House 5B. I’m a US Army Veteran, have a business degree with decades in business. I chose to run for this office because I feel strongly that every Minnesotan should not just be getting by, but also given the hope of getting ahead. I don’t feel that our representation from our area ascribes to the same vision for the future. His record is primarily centered upon voting “no” on measures that could help all of us in a rural setting in Minnesota, like free lunches for our children, the child tax credit, the farm bill and many others. Frankly, voting against the economic benefits of your district is stupid no matter what your ideology is. This is not the future I see Minnesotans embracing nor supporting. We are Minnesotans; we can do better!

I’m grateful for the cross-endorsement by the Independence Alliance Party of Minnesota (The party of Jesse Ventura) along with the Minnesota Democratic/Farmer/Labor Party. My beliefs fit both parties. As a resident of this district, I will work tirelessly to help every segment of our area to improve the lives and the hopes for all of us living here regardless of heritage, occupation, gender, age, social or economic status.

When we work together as friends and neighbors, we can achieve great things that will improve all our futures. Thank you to the Independence Alliance of Minnesota for the endorsement of my campaign for House 5B.

Thank you!

Gregg Hendrickson, Candidate for MN House 5B

Prepared and paid for by Gregg Hendrickson for House 5B

SHS Class of 1984 holds reunion

The Staples High School Class of 1984 recently held their 40th reunion at Lefty's Bar in Staples.

Front row: Kristen (Kayer), Cheryl (Mitsch) Steffen, Jill (Droubie) Waldhart.

Second row: Jane (Mayhew) Barnard, Joy (Pederson) Ellsworth, Mary (Riewer) Samuelson, Mary (Stracek) Schmidt, Tammy (Robben) Mumm, ChrisAnn (Newton) Langston, Darren Glynn, Jeff Morse, Kurt Holm.

Third Row: Juile (Spandl) Pearson, Theresa (Giese) Hagen, Bernie Volesky, Dean Slaby, Dan Beinhorn, Jim Lelwica.

Back row: Kurt Kruse, Carol (Becker) Lisson, Christi (Nielsen) Pellegrine, Debbie (Olson) Minnerath, Karen (Wonders) Zetah, Brenda (Peet) Alexander, Tony Dukowitz, Greg Ziegler, Mike Spillman. (Submitted photo)



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Student Achievements

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Lakewood to hold pregnancy and infant loss remembrance ceremony Oct. 7

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Each year, approximately one million pregnancies in the U.S. end in miscarriage, stillbirth or the death of the newborn child. Lakewood Health System, Staples, hosts a special ceremony to acknowledge these painful losses and provide comfort to families each year.

Those who have been touched by a pregnancy or infant loss are invited to a ceremony of dedication and remembrance on Monday, Oct. 7. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. on the lower level of Lake-

wood's Main Campus in Staples (49725 Cty. 83).

The nondenominational ceremony will include time for reflection, a message from Pastor Scott Jorgenson, luminary lighting, and a special water service at the Serenity Sanctuary fountain. Lakewood obstetrics nurses will be in attendance to offer support.

Whether your loss is recent or was experienced in the past, all parents, family and friends are invited to attend. For more information, call 218-894-8525 or 218-894-8505.

CLC Performing Arts Center announces a new concert series, North Stars Live!

Performing Arts Comments Off on CLC Performing Arts Center announces a new concert series, North Stars Live! 258 Views

The CLC Performing Arts Center will celebrate local Minnesota talent with North Stars Live! a new concert series designed to spotlight homegrown artists.

On September 26, the series kicks off with an exciting double-header featuring Amanda Grace and Megan Lenius, two musicians who have made their mark both locally and beyond. Both artists opened for major acts last season, with Amanda Grace opening for Church of Cash and Megan Lenius for Lera Lynn. Now, these two talented singer-songwriters return to headline a special night of music.

Together, Amanda Grace and Megan Lenius represent the best of Minnesota's musical talent—artists who have honed their craft and built strong communities along the way. This concert is not only a celebration of their music but also the launch of a new series aimed at bringing the state's most exciting talents to the forefront.

Tickets for North Stars Live! featuring Amanda Grace and Megan Lenius are available now at www.clcperformingarts.com or by calling the Box Office at 218-855-8199.

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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:
Adult Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church..... 218-894-2296
info@maysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
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
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class... 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples..... 218-894-2248
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
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Aldrich

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Janet Eckman SMA..... 218-837-5831
jre227@yahoo.com
Sunday Worship..... 8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
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Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Communion..... 1st and 2nd Sunday
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Pastor Dan Holmes..... 320-749-2583
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study..... 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship..... 9 a.m.
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July - January..... 11 a.m.

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of Word and Sacrament
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Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466..... 218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live..... 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA..... 4:00-5:30 p.m.
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 Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley..... 218-894-2296
info@maysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday..... 4:00 p.m.

St. Michael

280 1st Ave S, Motley..... 218-894-2296
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday..... 10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday..... 4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

United Methodist

847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley..... 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
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Sunday Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting..... 8:00 p.m.

Oylen

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218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
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Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 2nd and 4th Sundays
..... 8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God

Pastor Dan Johnson
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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
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.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.

Hewitt Community Church

Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Verndale

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

Family Life Church

402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self..... 218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagon, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
Youth Prayer..... 9:20 a.m.
Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups..... 6:30 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 Community Church

5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952
Sunday Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study..... 10:30 a.m.

St. Frederick Catholic Church

20 Mason Avenue NW
Vermda;e..... 218-894-2296
info@maysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church

Bluegrass..... 218-894-2296
info@maysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday Service..... 10:00 a.m. (Dec. - April)
Saturday..... 4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

Leaf River Township

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Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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Wadena

St. Helen's Episcopal Church
22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN
218-631-3928
Sunday Worship..... 10:00 a.m.

"Look Up"

—Author Unknown

Here is an article I ran across that helps me out:

Do you feel like you're in a prison? Everything around you is going bad, life is no longer worthwhile and worry fills your heart? Well, you may be just like the buzzard, the bat and the bumblebee.

If a buzzard is placed in a pen measuring six to eight square feet and entirely open at the top, the bird will be an absolute prisoner in spite of his ability to fly. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it's placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly

- until it comes to a slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies unless it's taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it destroys itself.

In many ways there are a lot of people like the buzzard, bat and bumblebee. They are struggling with all their problems and frustrations, not realizing the answer is right there "above" them. His name is Jesus.

Luke 21:28 "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." (NKJV)

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High level racing

Audrey Brownell finds some room to run after the first kilometer of the Roy Greak race on Sept. 20. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cross country teams compete at Griak race

The Staples-Motley cross country teams competed in the biggest meet in the mid-west, the Roy Griak Invitational at the University of Minnesota, against teams from at ten states, including many of the top teams and top runners in the country.

The girls team ran in the championship race. Audrey Brownell finished in 14th place, in front of many ranked runners from big schools in Minnesota. The other Cardinals fell farther back in the pack but were competitive, moving up and passing runners throughout the race.

The boys team ran the maroon race and also competed well despite ending up with slower times on this traditionally tough course.

Team results
Boys maroon race
Staples-Motley 30th of 36 teams
94. Logan Robben 19:00, 123. Gage Bjerga 19:21, 172. Blaine Plattner 19:52, 226. Dillan Robben 20:31, 239. Andrew Dobson 29:43, 274. Garrett Bjerga 21:36, 297. Ivan Lozano 22:29, 326. Israel Ritter 24:42
Girls championship race
Staples-Motley 42nd of 45 teams
14. Audrey Brownell 19:18, 318. Bella Hines 23:06, 345. Aleea Holst 23:40, 353 Naila Mikhaeil 23:51, 386. Suhaila Mikhaeil 25:07, 399. Leah Greenwaldt 25:35, 411. Madelyn Kist 28:17



Mid-race stats

Aleea Holst checks her watch to see if she is on pace.



Cardinals take off at Griak. From left, Blaine Plattner, Gage Bjerga and Logan Robben.

Rutten, Schultz explode to lead big win

Eli Rutten passing to Alex Schultz produced some big plays as the Staples-Motley football team beat Pillager 43-25 on Sept. 20.

Rutten passed for 240 yards, but more importantly he converted several third and fourth down attempts to keep drives going. Schultz had nine catches for 157 yards, including two touchdowns. He also kicked an extra point and caught a pass for a two point conversion.

After a slow start, a fumble recovery by Turner Beachy turned things around for the Cardinals.

The passing combination of Rutten to Schultz got heated up with a screen play for a first down on 3rd and 12. Schultz had an 18 yard catch on 3rd and 20, then converted the fourth down with another catch. The drive continued when Schultz drew a pass interference penalty on a long attempt. With Pillager concentrating on the passing game, it loosened up the defense for big runs by Luke Bjerga, who carried the second one into the end zone.

A defensive stop and a 30 yard punt return by Colbe Tappe set up the next touchdown drive, with Ben Tyrrell catching a long pass and Bjerga scoring on fourth and goal from the one yard

line.

The Cardinals defense held again, with Adrian Gomez and Bjerga stopping a fourth down run. That led to another scoring drive where Rutten converted a 3rd and 15 with a pass to Conner Kuhns, and another 4th and 6 with a pass to Benet Robinson. That set up a 15 yard pass to Schultz to make the score 22-0.

Rutten to Schultz produced another long touchdown to make the score 28-0 late in the first half.

The Staples-Motley defense had been stellar, but Pillager found a hole and scored on a long run to make it 28-7 at halftime.

In the second half, Ben Tyrrell made a long run down to the one yard line, then finished the drive with a wide run around the end to make the score 36-7.

Pillager struck back with another long touchdown run and made it close with two more scores in the second half. But a second touchdown by Tyrrell put the game away and the Cardinal offense controlled the clock to make the final score 43-25.

For most of the game, the Staples-Motley linemen controlled the line of scrimmage. The Cardinal stat sheet showed six pancake blocks for Steven Petrich,

five each for Luke Bjerga, Dustin Converse and Jacob Becker, plus four for Riley Reese.

On defense, Sawyer Ferdon had a quarterback sack and two tackles for loss. Other tackles for loss came from Jacob Becker, Noah Larson, Colbe Tappe and Drake Dukowitz. The Cardinals forced two fumbles, credited to Becker and Schultz. Noah Larson had one pass deflection.

Team results
Staples-Motley 43, Pillager 25

Rushing: Ben Tyrrell 13 carries, 96 yards, 2 TD; Luke Bjerga 9-30, 2 TD; Colbe Tappel 5-21, Coner Kuhns 2-23, Eli Rutten 2-4, Turner Beachy 2-4, Gavin Chenoweth 1-(-5)

Passing: Rutten 15-23, 240 yards, 2 TD

Receiving: Alex Schultz 9-157, 2 TD; Tyrrell 2-40, Kuhns 2-18, Benet Robinson 1-14, Beachy 1-11

Defensive tackles (solo-assists)

Luke Bjerga 3-9, Conner Kuhns 1-2, Colbe Tappe 2-3, Steven Petrich 2-3, Noah Larson 4-1, Dustin Converse 0-1, Jacob Becker 3-2, Sawyer Ferdon 3-3, Peyton Mithun 1-1, Benet Robinson 1-1, Alex Schultz 2-2, Turner Beachy 2-2, Gavin Chenoweth 2-1, Peyton Jares 1-0, Beau Carlson 0-1, Zach Tabatt 0-1, Adrian Gomes 0-2, Drake Dukowitz 1-5, Russel Milton 1-0, Ei Blue 1-0

Cardinals split with top teams in volleyball

The Staples-Motley volleyball team mixed it up with two high level teams, winning in five sets against Wadena-Deer Creek on Sept. 17 and losing 3-1 on Sept. 19 against Breckenridge.

Against W-DC, the teams went back and forth in the first four sets, setting up a fifth set, which the Cardinals won 15-12.

Against Breckenridge, Staples-Motley played well to take the first set 25-20, then lost the next two. They came close to forcing another deciding set, but lost 25-23 in the fourth.

The Cardinals are now 9-5 in the first half of the season. Breckenridge has only one loss this season, in a tournament. This was the first non-tournament loss for WDC this season.

Team results
Staples-Motley 3, vs Wadena-Deer Creek 2: 17-25, 25-23, 15-25, 25-20, 15-12
Miranda Schotzko: kills-3, blocks-3
Izzy Becker: aces-3, assists-1, kills-3, digs-10
Jade Storry: kills-9, blocks-1, digs-8
Annie Schlosser: aces-5, assists-30, kills-4, blocks-2, digs-5
Livi Lorber: aces-4, assists-4, kills-17, blocks-4, digs-4
Lilly Tyrrell: aces-1, digs-14
Ellie Lange: aces-1, digs-12
Hannah Cole: assists-1, kills-1, blocks-2
Staples-Motley 1, Breckenridge 3; 25-20, 16-25, 15-25, 23-25
Schotzko: Kills-2, Blocks-2
Storry: Aces-1, Kills-12, Blocks-1, Digs-17
Becker: Assists-1, Kills-5,



Back row defender

Lilly Tyrrell chases down a serve. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Digs-11
Schlosser: Aces-1, Assists-32, Kills-3, Blocks-1, Digs-6
Lorber: Aces-1, Assist-6,

Kills-18, Digs-6
Lange: Digs-12
Tyrrell: Aces-1, Digs-5
Cole: Kills-2

Cardinal tennis team battles in close losses

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team continued to battle against top teams with a busy week with five matches, including a home match on Sept. 16 and multiple matches at Thief River Falls on Sept. 19 and Litchfield on Sept. 21.

Team results
Staples-Motley 7, Melrose 0
Singles: Ronnie Noska W 6-1, 6-0; Corinne Olson W 6-4, 6-1; Kaylee Perius W 6-3, 6-2; Charlie Noska W 6-2, 6-1
Doubles: Heidi Zimmerman/Madison Perius W 6-2, 6-0;

Natalie Hanson/Sarah Kroll W 6-3, 6-2; Andrea DiGiovanni/Mia Pesta W 6-1, 6-1
At Thief River Falls:
Staples-Motley 2, Thief River Falls 5
Singles: R. Noska @ 7-6 (7-2), 6-4; Olson L 3-6, 1-6; K. Perius W 6-3, 7-6 (7-3); Pesta L 0-6, 0-6
Doubles: Zimmerman/M. Perius L 1-6, 1-6; Hanson/Kroll L 4-6, 5-7; DiGiovanni/C. Noska L 1-6, 3-6
Staples-Motley 2, Crookston 5
Singles: R. Noska W 6-2, 6-1; Zimmerman L 2-6, 0-6; K. Perius W 6-2, 6-2; Pesta L 0-6, 3-6
Doubles: Olson/Hanson L 2-6, 6-4, 2-6; M. Perius/Kroll L

2-6, 1-6; DiGiovanni/C. Noska L 4-6, 3-6
At Litchfield:
Staples-Motley 2, Delano 5
Singles: R. Noska L 4-6, 3-6; Zimmerman L 2-6, 2-6; K. Perius L 6-7 (7-9), 6-7 (4-7), DiGiovanni W 6-4, 7-5
Doubles: Olson/M. Perius L 5-7, 3-6; Hanson/Kroll W 4-6, 6-4, (7-5); Pesta/C. Noska L 4-6, 4-6
Staples-Motley 3, Litchfield 4
Singles: R. Noska W 6-4, 6-2; Zimmerman L 2-6, 2-6; K. Perius W 6-4, 6-4; DiGiovanni L 2-6, 2-6
Doubles: Olson/M. Perius L 2-7, 5-7; Hanson/Kroll W 6-2, 6-4; Pesta/C. Noska L 5-7, 3-6

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In Re: Estate of
William Anthony
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a/k/a William A.
Nietfeld, and
a/k/a Bill Nietfeld,
Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND
ORDER FOR HEARING
ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION
OF INTESTACY,
DETERMINATION
OF HEIRS, FORMAL

APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 21, 2024 at 10:14 a.m., an administrative non-appearance hearing will be held in this Court at 221 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Deborah Lanier, of 7108 Rainwater Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615 and Robert Nietfeld, of 399 - 2nd Avenue North, Greenwald, MN 56335, to serve together as personal representative of

the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are

required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 9/11/2024

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Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, will be conducting their fall cleanup on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

Two flower arrangements are allowed either on shepherd's hooks, pole style pot holders, or a monument topper. Flowers must be maintained in an attractive manner or they will be removed. No other items allowed.

Bob Reeck,
Sec./Treasurer

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REGION FIVE
DEVELOPMENT
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NOTIFICATION

Commissioner Rosemary Franzen will participate remotely via interactive technology at the Brainerd High School, 702 S 5th St., Brainerd, MN, for the Region Five Development Commission Meeting on September 26, 2024.

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS HELD
AUGUST 20, 2024

Public Comment

Bill, Julie and Anthony Berscheit addressed the County Board regarding solar project opportunities and limitations and the challenges that exist due to zoning ordinance parameters.

Kerry Pipo addressed the County Board regarding concerns of zoning ordinance enforcement on a neighboring property.

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 20th day of August, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for August 6 and 14, 2024 as presented.

To hire Kayla Anderson as a Part Time Dispatcher, Grade 6, Step 1.

To accept the resignation of Emily Olson, seasonal worker at Todd County Transfer Station effective 8/10/2024.

To approve the hire of Cheryl Klimek to fill the open Paraprofessional Case Aide position. Grade 5, Step 4, \$22.92/hr. Start date: TBD

To approve the hire of Kathleen Martin to fill the Seasonal Office Support Specialist II (EAP) position. Grade 5, Step 1, \$20.97. Start date: TBD

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Byers and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403370 through 403398 in the amount of \$22,088.86 and (Regular) 58253 through 58295 in the amount of \$46,513.83 for a total of \$68,602.69.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 805636 through 805680 and (Regular) 712247 through 712281 for a total of \$169,114.82.

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 601374 through 601402 and (Regular) 518005 through 518028 for a total amount of \$152,731.93.

On motion by Noska and second by Byers, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS OF ARP/SLFRF PROJECT EXPENSES

WHEREAS, Todd County has received funding via the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP/SLFRF) Act, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County has used/expended funds within the allotted timeframe indicated in the federal guidance terms; and;

WHEREAS, Todd County departments incurred qualifying expenses via the Federal ARP/SLFRF Act which were not able to be expensed directly to Fund 19-ARP/SLFRF and now necessitate realignment to the County Departments that incurred the initial eligible expense.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,865.29 from Fund 19-ARP/SLFRF to Fund 11-Human Services in the amount of \$2,865.29 to realign eligible ARP-SLFRF expenses to the County Departments where the support of the position's expense occurred.

Todd County Historical Society

De Eberle provided an update to the County Board regarding the operations at Todd County Historical Society and Museum which Todd County supports annually via appropriation.

Great River Regional Library

Karen Pundsack and Amy Anderson presented information to the County Board regarding their 2025 Budget and Todd County's apportioned allocation commitment for discussion.

Public Works

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the attached state bid quote to purchase a Bobcat 770 Skidloader from Farm-Rite Equipment for \$76,469.85.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann and second by Byers, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION TO
ESTABLISH AN INTERIM
ORDINANCE ON ADULT USE
CANNABIS BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature enacted, and Governor signed, Chapter 63 - H.F. No. 100 which created comprehensive legislation relating to the legalization and establishment of cannabis related businesses in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342 allows Counties to establish reasonable restrictions as to the time, place, and manner of the operation of a cannabis business; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 342.13(e) expressly allows local governments that are conducting studies to establish an interim ordinance to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County has provided at least 10 days published notice of a public hearing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Todd County Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Todd County Board of Commissioners now has adopted an interim ordinance which establishes a moratorium on cannabis related businesses until January 1, 2025.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the Leaf, Wing, Redeye Agreement of Services to receive WBIF grant funding.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP for parcel 22-0018700 to establish a retail greenhouse with following conditions.

1. The greenhouse operator must provide adequate off-street parking for all greenhouse traffic. No parking will be allowed within the road right of way.

2. No loading or unloading of materials will be allowed within the road right of way.

3. The business is restricted to construction of a single greenhouse as proposed. Construction of additional greenhouses or expansion to an existing greenhouse will require review by the Planning Commission.

4. Business signage must abide by the Home-Based Business requirements, Section 9.15 of the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance. Placement of signage within the road right of way shall require approval from the road authority.

5. Applicant must obtain additional permitting and/or licensing from additional government agencies as necessary.

On motion by Noska and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP on parcel 20-0033700 to establish a woodworking shop with following conditions.

1. Off street parking shall be provided for all business traffic.

2. All waste materials such as paints, stains, and solvents must be disposed of according to applicable state and local requirements.

3. There shall be no loading or unloading of materials within the road right of way.

4. All components of the operation shall be located outside of the public right of way.

5. Applicant abide by all other applicable Federal, State, and local standards.

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP on parcel 10-0030200 for wood/fiber processing with following conditions.

1. Off street parking shall be provided for all business traffic.

2. All components of the operation shall be located outside of the public right of way.

3. There shall be no loading or unloading of materials within the road right of way.

4. Hours of operation shall be limited to 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 after sunset, Monday through Saturday. There shall be no operating on Sundays.

6. Applicant abide by all other applicable Federal, State, and local standards.

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL –
“LINWOOD CABINS”
SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Applicant and property owner T. Rose Incorporated, Rafal Zajac, applied to subdivide a property that is described as part of Government Lot 2, Section 20, of

Gordon Township with the plat to be known as "Linwood Cabins".

WHEREAS, Linwood Cabins consists of none residential lots and two common space lots; Block 1, Lot 1 consisting of 1,491 square feet, Block 1 Lot 2 consisting of 2,597 square feet, Block 1 Lot 3 consisting of 1,729 square feet, Block 1 Lot 4 consisting of 1,716 square feet, Block 1 Lot 5 consisting of 1,689 square feet, Block 1 Lot 6 consisting of 2,269 square feet, Block 1 Lot 7 consisting of 4,692 square feet, Block 1 Lot 8 consisting of 2,761 square feet, Block 1 Lot 9 consisting of 2,043 square feet, Block 1 Lot 10 consisting of 51,403 square feet, Block 2 Lot 1 consisting of 5,280 square feet, located in Shoreland General Development Zoning District in Gordon Township,

WHEREAS, On September 7, 2023, the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

That part of Government Lot 1, Section 20, Township 128 North, Range 35 West, Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 1, NORRIS AND CUSHING'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 511.5 FEET EXCEPT THE EAST 1278.2 FEET OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 128 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST, according to the recorded plat thereof;

thence on an assumed bearing of North 88 degrees 43 minutes 30 seconds West along the north line of said Lot 1, NORRIS AND CUSHING'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 511.5 FEET EXCEPT THE EAST 1278.2 FEET OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 128 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST, 132.77 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described;

thence North 21 degrees 20 minutes 30 seconds East 271.00 feet; thence North 34 degrees 03 minutes 34 seconds East 60.00 feet; thence North 12 degrees 07 minutes 57 seconds East 50.00 feet; thence North 40 degrees 19 minutes 29 seconds East 104.70 feet;

thence North 50 degrees 12 minutes 24 seconds West 133.25 feet; thence South 39 degrees 58 minutes 04 seconds West 179.92 feet; thence southwesterly along a tangential curve, concave to the southeast, radius 996.46 feet, central angle 13 degrees 45 minutes 58 seconds 239.41 feet;

thence North 88 degrees 43 minutes 33 seconds West 59 feet more or less to the shoreline of Lake Osakis;

thence southerly along said shoreline to said north line of Lot 1, NORRIS AND CUSHING'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 511.5 FEET EXCEPT THE EAST 1278.2 FEET OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 128 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST;

thence South 88 degrees 43 minutes 30 seconds East along said north line of Lot 1, NORRIS AND CUSHING'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 511.5 FEET EXCEPT THE EAST 1278.2 FEET OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 128 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST, 257 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, On September 19, 2023, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above-described property and approved the Sunset Point preliminary plat with seven conditions:

1. Creation of a property owners association agreement including mandatory membership of all property owners with inclusion of Todd County as a participating member.

2. Creation of deed restrictions, covenants, or other instruments in accordance with Section 7.16C (iii) of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance with inclusion of Todd County as a participating member.

3. No additional impervious surface shall be allowed within the shore or bluff impact zones.

4. No outward expansion shall be allowed to existing structures. Lot 6 shall be allowed to construct one lake side deck not to exceed 150 square feet.

5. Boat mooring site shall not exceed 9 slips.

6. No construction or placement of accessory structures will be allowed within the common space.

7. Applicant must obtain additional permits and authorizations as required by other agencies including but not limited to the Sauk River Watershed District.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "Linwood Cabins" be approved as presented.

County Assessor

On motion by Noska and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve abatement

of the 2024 property taxes in the amount of \$1,451 and a reduction of the 2024 market value of \$192,000 for parcel 22-000200 due to a fire at the property.

On motion by Denny and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the hiring of a Social Worker in the Adult Services Unit.

On motion by Byers and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Opioid Settlement funding request to Better Days Treatment Center.

On motion by Byers and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Opioid Settlement funding request for Decisions Points Training.

On motion by Byers and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Opioid Settlement funding request for the Criminal Justice Mental Health Summit.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Byers and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the final amount of ARP funds previously authorized via BA #20211005-36 & #20230404-29 for the Eligibility Worker at \$50,151.05 and allow remaining funds of \$41,145.95 to be returned to the ARPA fund for other proposed projects.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the final amount of ARP funds previously authorized via BA#20220315-27 for the Senior Meals support at \$2,954 and allow remaining funds of \$7,046 to be returned to the ARPA fund for other proposed projects.

Administration

On motion by Noska and second by Byers, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

Appointment of County Assessor WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §273.061 declares that the term of office as County Assessor shall begin on January 1 of every fourth year after 1973, and;

WHEREAS, January 1, 2025, will begin a new term of office for county assessors statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Todd County Board reappoints Christopher Odden, County Assessor, to a four-year term beginning on January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028, pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 273.061, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Revenue.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To renew the LPHA Lease Agreement with the presented terms and conditions.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that the State Primary Election event was held with approximately a 13% turnout of voters in Todd County. A reminder that mobile home taxes are due at the end of the month and final preparations of the County Budget are underway.

County Coordinator's Report The County Coordinator reported that the County Employee Appreciation Picnic was a successful event. Currently working on drafting an application for a safety grant opportunity.

County Commissioner's Report The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended. Commissioner Denny had no new business to report.

Commissioner Becker attended the Public Health, Personnel, TWCC, Policies, Finance and PZ meetings. Commissioner Neumann attended Public Health, Solid Waste, Rainbow Rider, Personnel, Policies, CPT 1W1P, Employee Picnic, JD2 and Canvassing of Election Results meetings.

Commissioner Byers attended the TCDC, TCC, Employee Picnic, Canvassing of Election Returns, PZ, Wellness and Daycare planning meetings.

Commissioner Noska had no new business to report.

Adjourn

On motion by Byers and second by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of August 2024.

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BRAATEN AGGREGATE	INC	\$6,720.00
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UNITED SPRAY FOAM	LLC.....	4,800.00
59 PAYMENTS LESS	THAN \$2,000	15,286.03
Total:.....		\$68,602.69

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	WARRANTS	VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
ST JOSEPH'S AREA	HEALTH SERVICES ...	\$2,393.08	
7 PAYMENTS LESS	THAN \$2,000	3,083.38	
DHS - SWIFT		24,635.13	
MILLER-CARLIN FUNERAL	HOMES LLC	3,500.00	
RURAL MN CEP INC		20,976.42	
WADENA COUNTY	HUMAN SERVICES....	83,333.00	
68 PAYMENTS LESS	THAN \$2,000	31,193.81	
Total:.....		\$169,114.82	

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
#16704.....	\$7,132.48
#17598.....	2,162.08
#16192.....	2,665.38
#16095.....	2,257.43
#17599.....	2,809.22
HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH	31,378.20
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS.....	8,216.82
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF MN-ST PAUL.....	2,435.40
NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAMILY SRVS.....	10,654.50
#17597.....	4,089.05
STEP.....	9,308.10
VALLEY LAKE BOYS HOME INC.....	8,835.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC.....	28,777.58
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR.....	6,459.00
39 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	25,551.69
Total:.....	\$152,731.93

On a motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held August 20, 2024 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on September 3, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file
Barbara Becker, County Board
Chairperson
/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL
BOARD MEETING OF THE TODD
COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS HELD
AUGUST 28, 2024

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 28 day of August, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Closed Session

Chair Becker closed the session at 9:02 a.m. pursuant to MN Statute §13D.03 to consider strategies for labor negotiations.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, session was reopened at 10:13 a.m.

Administration

The County Commissioners held discussion regarding factors influencing the potential salary adopted for the County Commissioner position in 2025.

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2025 COUNTY COMMISSIONER
SALARY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members; and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Commissioners salary at \$35,084 (no change from 2024) plus \$2,500 supplemental pay for Board Chair and \$2,000 supplemental pay for the Board Vice-Chair in 2025.

The County Attorney held discussion with the County Board regard-

ing factors influencing the salary requested for the County Attorney position in 2025.

On motion by Byers and second by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2025 COUNTY ATTORNEY
SALARY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members; and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Attorney salary at \$150,234 in 2025.



Public Notices

TODD COUNTY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TODD COUNTY UNIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Notice to the Public: on October 15, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, Todd County Historic Courthouse (215 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota) the Todd County Board of Commissioners will hold a First Reading to solicit public input on the Todd County Unified Environmental Health Ordinance amendment.

The Second Reading of the Todd County Unified Environmental Health Ordinance amendment will be held on November 4, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, Todd County Historic Courthouse (215 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota). The Todd County Unified Environmental Health Ordinance amendment can be viewed online at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/>.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer Clerk to the County Board

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Rotary District Governor visits Staples

Rotary District Governor Kay Parries presented a flag representing the Rotary theme for this year “The Magic of Rotary” to Staples club President Jerel Nelsen at the Aug. 28 meeting. Parries spoke about the Rotary five pillars of Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Service and Leadership with examples of how, collectively and individually, we can implement them to benefit our community and our daily lives. From left are Assistant District Governor Peter Nelson, Jerel Nelsen, Kay Parries and her husband Dan Parries. District 5580 has 60 clubs and is one of the largest districts geographically spanning 1,100 miles. It includes all of North Dakota, northern Minnesota and part of Ontario. (Submitted photo)

Watch for farm equipment on highways

Submitted by MnDOT

Motorists traveling on Minnesota roads this fall should be aware of large farm equipment transporting crops to markets, grain elevators and processing plants, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Crash data shows there were 446 crashes involving farm equipment in Minnesota from 2021 through 2023, resulting in eight deaths and 171 injuries.

“With the fall harvest season underway, Minnesota farmers need our public roads to access their fields and transport crops,” said Brian Sorenson, state traffic engineer. “We can keep everyone safe by putting away our phones and other distractions while driving and scanning for slow-moving farm vehicles while traveling rural roads throughout the state.”

Farm equipment is large

and heavy, making it hard for operators to accelerate, slow down and stop. The equipment also makes wide turns and sometimes crosses over the center line. In addition, farm vehicles can create large blind spots, making it difficult for operators to see approaching vehicles.

- Motorists should:
- Slow down and use caution when approaching farm equipment
 - Watch for debris dropped by farm equipment
 - Drive with headlights on at all times
 - Be patient and wait for a safe place to pass
- Farm equipment operators should:
- Use lights and flashers to make equipment more visible
 - Use slow-moving vehicle emblems on equipment traveling less than 30 mph
 - Consider using a follow vehicle when moving equipment, especially at night



The Staples-Motley boys cross country team gathers before a giant Goldy Gopher inflatable at the Roy Griak Invitational at the University of Minnesota on Sept. 20. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Freshwater Education District

MINUTES FRESHWATER ED. DISTRICT #6004 AUGUST 21, 2024

Wadena, MN

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by V. Chair C. Funk.

Board Present: C. Funk-Sebeka; B. Tumberg-WDC; S. Veronen-Verndale; J. Hillmer-Browerville; R. VanDenheuvel-B-H; R. Thalmann - Henning; Board Members Absent: L. Anderson-S-M; C. Wolf-LP-GE; K. Howard-Menahga.

Supervising Supts.: L. Westrum-WDC and S. Vedbraaten-Browerville.

FED Admin: E. Weber; J. Wothe, J. Anderson, and S. Thiel Ex. Asst.

Agenda - MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded BY Thalmann to approve the agenda as presented. VOTE-U/C

Old Business

MOTIONED BY Tumberg, seconded BY Veronen to approve the 6/26/2024 minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded BY VanDenheuvel to acknowledge receipt and review of the 8/2024 Superintendent Advisory minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

New Business

MOVED BY Tumberg, seconded BY Hillmer to accept the following donations:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of FED, #6004, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Menahga Gateway Lions, Menahga, MN - \$250 for Spring Fling

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Wadena, MN - \$1,000 for Comfort Dog.

VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows:

ABSTENTIONS: None. AYE: Tumberg, Veronen, Hillmer, VanDenheuvel, Thalmann and Funk. NAY: None. ABSENT: Howard, Wolf and Anderson.

WHEREUPON said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

MOTIONED BY VanDen-

heuvel, seconded BY Veronen to approve the School Nutrition Program between WDC #2155 Dist. and FED #6004 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Tumberg and seconded BY Thalmann to approve the agreement between S-M Dist. #2170 & FED #6004 for SR/ECFE Consulting Svc. for the 24/25 SY as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Hillmer, seconded BY Tumberg to approve the Svc Agmt between Stellher Human Svcs. and FED #6004 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded BY VanDenheuvel to approve the Svc. Agmt between Presence and FED #6004 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded BY Hillmer to approve the Svc. Agmt between LCSC and FED #6004 for School Audiology, effective 7/2/2024 - 6/30/2025 as presented. VOTE-U/C

Supt. Westrum joined the meeting.

MOTIONED BY Tumberg, seconded BY Funk to approve the Svc. Agmt between Sourcewell and FED #6004 for the 24/25 SY as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded BY Hillmer to approve the Svc. Agmt between cMERDC and FED #6004 for the 24/25 Annual SMART Systems, Citrix Hosting, UFARS as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded BY Thalmann to approve the Svc. Agmt between cMERDC and FED #6004 for the 24/25 Annual Copier and MFP Maintenance Agmt as presented. VOTE-U/C

Supt Vedbraaten left the meeting.

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded BY VanDenheuvel to approve the 24/25 SY Academies Student Handbook as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Tumberg, seconded BY Hillmer to approve the 24/25 School Year ALC's Student Handbook as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded BY VanDenheuvel to approve the Agmt between West Cen-

tral MN Cmty Action, LLC & FED #6004 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Tumberg, seconded BY Hillmer to amend the 24/25 Adopted Budget as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded BY Veronen to approve the transfer of \$30,000 to the OPEB Fund as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded BY Hillmer to approve the transfer of \$41,385.40 from SPED Unassigned fund balance to the SPED MA fund balance as of 6/30/24. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded BY Funk to approve the FY24 Qtr. 4 Voucher Claims totaling \$2,124,307.42 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded BY VanDenheuvel to approve the MOU between the FED #6004 Paraprofessionals and RVR Drivers Group and FED #6004 to forego the HITA bid process in 2024. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded BY Tumberg to approve the MOU between Ed Minnesota, FED #6004 T-I Group, and FED #6004 to forego the HITA bid process in 2024. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Hillmer, seconded BY VanDenheuvel to adopt the MSBA Policy #621 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded BY Tumberg to approve the 24/25 FED Employee Handbook as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Tumberg, seconded BY VanDenheuvel to approve the 24/25 Summer SY TS/CR Svc Agmt as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded BY VanDenheuvel to approve the 24/25 ALC Extended-Time Programming Handbook as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded BY Funk to approve the Remote Deposit Capture Agmt with First Int. Bank, of Staples, MN as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded BY Hillmer to approve the Agmt between Infinitic Assistive Tech and FED #6004 as pre-

sented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded BY Hillmer to approve the FY25 Asst. Membership Agmt with LCSC and FED #6004 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded BY Tumberg to approve the personnel consent agenda as follows:

- FY25/26 Finance & Business Mgr. Contract.
- Hiring of D. Gillespie, R. Beard, A. Rajdl.
- Reassignment of J. Story, T. Sweeney, M. Wolhowe, L. Peterson.
- Grade Change for S. DeMars.
- Permission to Advertise and Hire a SR Para for LP-GE School District, ECSE Para (4), SpEd Program Specialist for the 24/25 SY.
- Increase in Hours for J. Becker, K. Schalow, M. Murch, P. Kellen.
- Decrease in Hours for M. Schmidt, M. Leone, L. Hubbard, H.Haase.
- Resignation of L. Baumgart, T. Weaver, A. Berg, L. Damm, J. Kuyava.
- Status Change of B. Sandy, from Hrly Payroll to SpEd Para.
- Lane Change of N. Schmidt. VOTE-U/C

Department Reports
Finance Manager, J. Anderson reviewed the FY24 Unaudited Finance Reports, FY24 Q4 Cash, Fund Balance, OPEB, Facility Reserve Reports, and Fund 51 Bus. Office Services summary.

SpEd Director, J. Wothe gave an update on “Bucky, Academies’ Comfort Dog, Academies’ Enrollment, along with a comprehensive overview of 480 District Staff attended pieces of training offered by FED this summer.

Ex. Director, E. Weber covered several key updates, including personnel matters and facilities improvements, noting that the five “owned” buildings require re-shingling due to a manufacturing defect in the current shingles installed five years ago.

Adjournmen

MOTIONED BY Tumberg, seconded BY Hillmer to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

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TRIAD Conference explores protection for seniors

A large group of people from around the state came to Sourcwell in Staples on Sept. 17 to learn about living, thriving and safety. The 2024 MN TRIAD Conference was held in Staples this year.

Presentations included new trends in fraud and identity theft, finding purpose in life and peer support. The MN TRIAD Board also held a meeting and best practices session.

TRIAD is a community-based partnership between law enforcement, senior citizens and community/senior organizations focused on the goal of senior

safety. The goal of TRIAD is to reduce criminal victimization of senior citizens and enhance senior safety by bringing together community agencies to form a relationship of trust with the senior citizens, enabling them to jointly recognize and solve problems.



Statewide peer support system

Jode Freyholtz-London spoke at the TRIAD Conference about peer support programs developed by Wellness in the Woods. She said the Warm-line program started in Wadena County, then spread to Todd County and is now statewide with 2,800 calls just last month. The multicultural JEDI program is also going statewide. The peer support program for county jails is being implemented in eight area counties and will soon be coming to Cass County. Warmline is open to anyone who needs support, whether they have been diagnosed with a condition or not, by calling 1-844-739-6369. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Go from languishing to flourishing

Steve Hoover, PHD, spoke at the TRIAD Conference about "Flourishing in the Second Half of Life."

As a psychologist, Hoover said it isn't enough to move out of depression, he said people should be working on flourishing by setting an intention each day to make a difference in the commu-

nity or in the world. He said emotional health is one cornerstone of flourishing and suggested that people focus on the positive emotions of joy, satisfaction, contentment, amusement, happiness, serenity and awe. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Lions donate to Old Wadena Society

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$750 to the Old Wadena Society, helping fund their annual Old Wadena Rendezvous and Chautauqua event. Pictured from left are Lion President Dan Shaw, Jon and Darlys Hamberg, with Old Wadena Society; and Lion Past President Rick Adamietz. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Patriots Day at 2 Tall Tavern, Cushing

On Sept. 11, the Motley American Legion Post #124 presented a table to John Brichacek, owner of 2 Tall Tavern, Cushing, in recognition of John's ongoing support to the American Legion. The table was made by Viking Log Furniture in St. Joseph. The center of the table contains the American Legion symbol, flanked by the police and firefighters symbols. Seals from all branches of the Armed Forces are encircling the outer edge of the

table. After the table presentation, the American Legion assembled outside for full military honors including a 21-gun salute followed by Taps. Pictured from left are Legion members Steve Tholl, Tom Ladwig, Brian Goltz, R.J. Savey, John Brichacek, Alan Marshall, Stewart Wiesbeck, Ron Hanson, Frank Mudgett, Dave Fuller, Walter Huff, Frank Vasecka and Mike Vasecka. Not pictured is Legion member Huck Holst. (Submitted photo)



Lions donate to Discover Staples

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$5,000 to Discover Staples, which helped fund events at Staples' recent Railroad Days. Pictured in back, from left, are Lion President Dan Shaw, Renee Kroll, with Discover Staples; and Lion Past President Rick Adamietz. In front are Kroll's children Liam (left) and Ava.

Lions donate to SMBP

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$500 to Staples Motley Beyond Poverty (SMBP) for their National Night Out event. Pictured from left are Lion President Dan Shaw; SMBP volunteers Amy Wiess and Mary Theurer; and Lion Past President Rick Adamietz.



Over 80 students served at CARE Ministry's Back To School Fair

The CARE Ministry 2024 Back to School Fair was held recently at the Staples-Motley Elementary School.

This year, attendees were given a backpack and voucher that allows them to purchase their own school supplies, including new outfits and shoes along with a backpack and haircut.

The Back-to-School Fair has been in place since 2013 with the goal of assisting local families with children

in grades K-6 obtain the necessary items for the new school year.

A record high of 85 students were served this year and all expressed gratitude and appreciation for this assistance. This event is made possible from generous donations from the community, as well as grant funding from organizations including Lakewood Health System, local Lions groups, and Crow Wing Power.



CARE Minstry volunteers

Pictured above at a past Back To School Fair are, from left, CARE Ministry volunteers Jeannie Hajek, Gail Honek and Amanda Mithun. (Submitted photos)

Flu and Covid-19 shots available at Lakewood Health System

Lakewood Health System in Staples now has flu and COVID-19 shots available at all Lakewood clinic locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. Everyone six months and older is eligible for a flu and COVID-19 shot. For the flu shot, Flu-Mist and high-dose options are available to those who qualify.

According to the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), annual flu and COVID-19 vaccinations are recommended for everyone six months and older, with few exceptions. Vaccination is especially important for those who are at higher risk of developing serious complications from the flu or COVID-19. People with higher risk include, but are not limited to:

- Adults 65 and older

- Pregnant people
- Young children
- Those with: Cancer, Asthma, Heart disease and stroke; Diabetes; Chronic kidney disease; HIV/Aids

Flu and/or COVID-19 shots are available by walk-in at any Lakewood clinic location during regular business hours. They can also be scheduled by calling 218-894-1515.

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Sharing the love of music and fellowship

Robertson grew up watching the SAWC perform at various events and always wanted to be a part of the group. She joined in 2019 and became the director just this year.

“Not only do I get to sing with this amazing group, I get to lead them in wonderful music making,” she said.

After graduating high school, Robertson attended the College of St. Benedict where she studied music education and performance. She participated in choir, took voice lessons, performed in the Opera Workshop productions of Trial by Jury, Marriage of Figaro, and The Four Note Opera, as well as being part of the on-campus women’s a cappella group.

Robertson is currently the choir teacher at Browerville Public Schools for the past five years, after teaching in Onamia for three years.

Moving back to the area, she joined the SAWC as a way to make music with a group of adults again.

“I have learned this group of women is more than just that, they are women from all different careers, all different locations, and all different backgrounds. I learned that some of them have been singing together since SAWC started back in the 1970s, which is so incredible,” said Robertson.

When the director job became vacant, Robertson was excited to apply her profession to her local group,

and has some ideas on ways to group.

“Being a member of the Staples Area Women’s Choir is an opportunity to share love of music, fellowship with community members, and to express oneself through song. I have found the women of SAWC are welcoming of all no matter your singing ability,” she said. “Attending performances gives the opportunity to hear and see a variety of musical styles, and shows support of local singing groups and the community.”

To learn more about the Staples Area Women’s Chorus, contact Robertson by email at brobertson@browerville.k12.mn.us.

SAMC continued from page 1a

Genuine, musically passionate people

students,” she said. She began looking for more opportunities. She became aware of the SAMC through the regional music scene.

“Growing up in this area and being a local teacher, I had seen the impact this group had on our area communities and wanted to be a part of bringing high quality music experiences to rural Minnesota.”

Her experiences at Jamestown led her to see the value of a community music group.

“Being a part of a semi-professional chorus is like nothing else I had ever experienced,” said Hamp. “When everyone is there for the same reason, their love and passion for music, magical things happen and the chemistry and synergy of the group is unmatched.”

Hamp said she was missing those “goosebump moments” that her graduate school professors told her to pursue, so she looked into the SAMC position.

When the SAMC approached her to direct the group, she was apprehensive about how she would be

received by the large group of experienced singers.

“I am here to say that I have never been so welcomed, supported and encouraged by a group in all of my life,” said Hamp. “These men are some of the most genuine, caring and musically passionate people I have ever met. In the rehearsals I’ve had with them so far, I have learned not to underestimate their willingness to learn and try new things.”

Hamp said she wants to grow the Real Men Sing event that brings area high school students for a workshop and performance. She said there are a lot of new choir directors in the central Minnesota area, so it is a good time to do more outreach.

She loves the event because it is a chance to give high school boys a chance to learn from collegiate conductors and breaking the stigma that students have to study music in order to continue with music beyond their high school career.

The SAMC is not just the catalyst of the Real Men

Sing event, their practices and performances are all about building community. Hamp noted the mental health benefits and the need for creating social and emotional connections.

“Being a part of a group like the Men’s Chorus is an amazing way to be a part of something larger than yourself while sharing the impact of making music with others. This is a brotherhood of men from a large variety of backgrounds who have each other’s back in and out of rehearsal no matter how long members have been in the group,” said Hamp. “If you want to experience music making at its finest with top notch camaraderie, this is the group for you. Come as you are and be prepared to be welcomed with open arms.”

I am honored to have been selected as the new director for the Staples Area Men’s Chorus and hope to live up to their legacy of musical excellence.

To learn more about the Staples Area Men’s Chorus, contact Hamp by email at thamp@prbschools.org.



Lakewood Manor gets a ‘face lift’

Employees of Geo’s Paint & Finish out of Brainerd were at work Aug. 22, painting the exterior of Lakewood Manor in Staples. Passers-by along 5th St. NE will notice the beautiful new blue color,

which has replaced the previous beige. The workers had to pause for a while as a heavy downpour of rain hit the Staples area that morning. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

New season of singing for SAMC

The Staples Area Men’s Chorus (SAMC) is under way for another season of great male chorus singing, and the group invites any men who have an interest in singing to join them.

The SAMC has a long tradition of bringing the male chorus sound to the Staples Motley area and beyond. The mission of the SAMC is to provide high quality and diverse choral experiences for singers and audiences of all ages in Central Minnesota. The chorus season runs from late August through the middle of May

each year. The group meets for rehearsals Wednesday nights from 8-9:30 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School Choir room. The rehearsal/concert schedule is flexible enough to allow for attending as often as your life schedule permits. The rehearsals and concerts offer the opportunity for a creative outlet and pursuing the enjoyment which comes from making music in the fellowship of song as well as enhancing the lives of your audience through your singing.

If you have ever found

yourself singing in the shower, you more than likely qualify to sing with the SAMC, so they are inviting you to step out, get dressed, and join the group.

The group encourages anyone interested to come and check out the rehearsals on any Wednesday evening. If you have any questions or want more information, call the chorus’ current President Tim Rice at 218-296-0396 or check out the website at staplesmen.org.

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