

Motley school memorabilia to go to historical society

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At the Nov. 18 Staples-Motley School Board meeting, the board approved a request by the Motley Historical Society to take items the school may have that pertain to the Motley school district.

“We’re interested in obtaining any and all Motley Rockets memorabilia in the building,” said Thompson.

The request stated that several members of the historical society toured the Motley school building and identified some of the items the group will want to keep, including trophies, band uniforms, photographs, FFA jackets and a couple of pieces of furniture.

Their request stated “We agree that we would like the memorabilia from the building before things disappear. They are the history of the residents of Motley, they need to stay here.”

The board approved the request unanimously.

In other news, the board

- Approved paraprofessional contracts for Kelly Peterson and Taylor Heldman; Little Cardinal Academy aide Sheryl Nanik and

early learning aide Diana Herdina.

- Learned that health insurance rates were projected to have a 39 percent increase, so teachers voted to move to the State of Minnesota PEIP plan.
- Learned that architects are moving forward with drawings for school renovation. Troy Miller of LHB said they are providing alternate plans and will also include a study on how the buildings perform in regard to utility costs and mechanical improvements that can help save costs.
- Learned from Superintendent Shane Tappe that Deb Ferdon is organizing a team of people to start building a continuous improvement plan for the school.



Rehearsing a song from ‘Frostiana’

Director Nathan Thelen, far right, works with the Staples-Motley High School A Cappella Choir as they rehearse a song from Randall Thompson’s ‘Frostiana,’ based on the poems of Robert Frost. At the piano is accompanist Sandy Paskewitz. The Choir will combine

their voices with the Staples Area men’s and women’s choruses to perform this work at the Community Christmas Concert Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Cardinal music program going strong with new staff

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The music department at Staples-Motley is off to a strong start, and is geared up for the Christmas season, as well as planning ahead into spring.

Leading the Cardinal music program are three young teachers, all in their early 20s, who are excited about carrying on a tradition of excellence, as well as introducing some fresh ideas along the way.

Nathan Thelen is in charge of the choral program, Kristina Haataja the orchestra; and Staples native Dan Spandl is at the helm of the Cardinal bands. Their students range from fifth - 12th grades.

As a department, they work well together; the three said. In addition to sharing a love for music, Thelen, Haataja and Spandl are all alumni of Concordia College in Moorhead. “Kristina and I graduated in 2017, and Dan in 2018,” Thelen said. Having first bonded as Cobbers, they’re excited to join forces once again at Staples-Motley.

Choir

Nathan Thelen, who grew up in Andover, is now in his third year with the Cardinal music program, a job he landed fresh out of college. He’s excited to be a part of it, as well as the community, and recently purchased a home in Staples.

He directs eight choirs at Staples-Motley, Thelen said, mentioning A Cappella, Cantemus, Bel Canto, Voce, Cantabile and

Bravura, all curricular. His two extra-curricular choirs include the 10 - 12 Chamber Choir Students; and the seventh and eighth grade pop singers, which is new this year.

There’s a lot of musical talent at the school, Thelen said, adding that a lot of great things have happened in recent months.

Most recently, four Staples-Motley boys participated in the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) of Minnesota’s seventh and eighth grade State Honor Choir: Emery Lorber, Peyton Mithun, Griffin Judd and Zach McIlravy. “About 750 kids auditioned for that,” Thelen said, noting that it was an honor to have four of his students accepted into the choir. The event, which included a concert, was held at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church in Mahtemedi.

This Feb. 13, six Cardinal singers will participate at the ninth and tenth grade ACDA Honor Choir at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, having been selected following their impressive auditions. They include: Madysen Hull, Brayden Smith, Connor Judd, Keegan Bestland, Cy Johnson and Nathan Ritter. Over 2,300 students throughout the state auditioned to be a part of this choir.

On Feb. 14, the A Cappella Choir will sing in collaboration with the Barnesville Chamber Choir at the MMEA (Minnesota Music Educators Association) Midwinter Clinic, also to be held at

Central Lutheran Church. The entire A Cappella Choir from last year auditioned to be a part of this event, Thelen said.

As he reflected on his choirs, Thelen said that “in general, it feels like everyone’s working really hard at the music.” They’ve been quick to pick up on notes and rhythms, and they do some sightreading every day, he said, mentioning the importance of skill building in singing.

In his “free time,” Thelen also directs the Staples Area Women’s Chorus and is an assistant director of the Staples Area Men’s Chorus.

Orchestra

Kristina Haataja, a Dassel native, is new to Staples-Motley as of this year. She previously taught general music for the Paynesville Area School District, and now is the head of the high school orchestra department at ISD #2170.

Over the past few months, Haataja said she’s found students at SM to be “excited about music and willing to try things.” Her background is in percussion, which means, musically, she’s “involved with a little bit of everything,” which she enjoys.

The three orchestra ensembles she leads include Seventh and Eighth Grade Orchestra; Symphony Orchestra (grades nine - ten); and Chamber Orchestra (grades 10 - 12). In addition, she leads the bell choir which is made up of students in grades

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Family time

Allison and Wade Vangsness had their picture taken by Santa’s helper at the Staples Community Center Arts and Crafts Sale; left to right, baby Hudson, Caleb and Jackson who each received a candy cane treat.



Brother and sister pose

Mom Crystal McGruder posed with daughter, Lucy and son, Zach. (Photos by Janice Winter)



Star Gazing at the library

It was a fun evening looking at the moon and stars through a telescope in November. The Star Gazing program event at the Staples Public Library included kids making a moon/star bookmark followed by their heading out into the dark for some hands- on observation. If you missed this program, the telescope can be checked out on your library card. They are user-friendly and come with instructions. Those with a library card may check out a telescope for three weeks. To browse our catalog and request a telescope, visit our website at www.griver.org and search “Try it yourself Telescope.”

Above: John Jewison helping Weston Kohlhasse view the stars. (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley FFA members attend the national convention

Four members of the Staples-Motley FFA chapter had the opportunity to attend the 92nd annual National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Ind., on Oct. 30 -Nov. 2.

During their time there, these members toured the agricultural expo and attended sessions entailing Career Development Event awards and Supervised Agricultural Experience proficiencies that highlighted the success of members across the nation.

While attending the convention, the members also had the opportunity to watch the American Degree ceremony. The American Degree is the highest honor an FFA member can achieve. This degree is achieved by less than one percent of all FFA members. The 2019 recipients of the American Degree from the Staples-Motley FFA chapter were Molly Lindgren, Rachel Paskewtiz and Brenden Thompson.

Every year a select group of FFA advisors, supporters and leaders are



FFA members at convention

Above, left to right: Alexis Tweeter, Olivia Leslie, Ben Olander, Joe Ramstad (advisor) and Drew Berg. (Submitted photo)

presented with the Honorary American Degree. Recently retired FFA advisor, Kerry Lindgren, was recognized for receiving this award. In over 30 years of teaching, Mr. Lindgren impacted the lives of his students, co-workers and countless FFA members

across the state. The current FFA advisor, Joe Ramstad and his members were able to enjoy an evening in Indianapolis.

Attending Convention, gives members the opportunity to bring new ideas and leadership skills back to their own chapter.

Weather

This Week’s Forecast
High Low Cond.

Nov. 27	26°	15°	Cloudy
Nov. 28	28	23	Cloudy
Nov. 29	30	26	Snow
Nov. 30	30	18	Snow
Dec. 1	20	6	Cloudy
Dec. 2	15	7	Sunny
Dec. 3	19	4	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2018
High Low Cond.

Nov. 27	20°	0°	Snow
Nov. 28	24	3	Cloudy
Nov. 29	26	8	Cloudy
Nov. 30	25	12	Cloudy
Dec. 1	28	12	Cloudy
Dec. 2	27	9	Cloudy
Dec. 3	25	13	Cloudy

Average Temp.:
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Total snow for week:
1”+??

2019 Total Rain:
31.25”

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Motley approves wellhead protection plan, part one

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting Nov. 12, the Motley City Council approved part one of a wellhead protection plan as presented by George Minerich from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

Minerich noted that a study associated with part one of the protection plan indicates that the city has “really good water” and it is safe to drink. Tests have shown that there are hardly any nitrates in the water, and the arsenic levels are low in its two primary wells. However, potential spills along Hwy 10 mean the wells are susceptible to contamination.

The city has a responsibility to protect its wells, Minerich said, noting that the wellhead protection plan is mandated by state and federal law. He went on to point out that it's much cheaper to prevent the wells from contamination than to deal with it after the fact.

Because Motley’s population is less than 1,000, MDH did not charge them for part one of the study. However, the city may have to hire a consultant for part two of the study (a management plan for protecting the wells), which

Minerich estimated to cost around \$10,000. Any concerns discovered will then need to be addressed, and Minerich stated that MDH can assist with funding for this.

All in all, there are not a lot of serious problems, Minerich said, going on to stress that the city has good wells, good water, and is reasonably protected. He said the city’s staff has done a good job in planning for the future.

With the city’s approval of part one of the wellhead protection plan, it will be sent on to the Minnesota Department of Health for their review and final approval.

In other matters the council:

- HEARD request from Larry Beckner of Motley that the city dismiss his administrative citations which totaled \$150, or allow him to do community service in lieu of the fine. Beckner stated that due to medical issues and being on a fixed income, he is unable to pay the fine. The council sympathized with Beckner, but stated that if they made an exception in his case it would set a precedent for the future. They also felt the police chief had given him several opportunities to take care of the issue (too many

vehicles on his property) prior to giving him the citations. In the end, the council approved a motion that they would request Beckner to pay the fine, but would offer a payment plan.

- LISTENED to a presentation by Mayor Al Yoder regarding the economy of Motley. Based on his research, the mayor noted that the median income in the city is \$29,931, which is lower than that of neighboring towns. He cited a few examples: Pillager’s median income is \$36,250; Wadena’s is \$40,625; Staples’ is \$38,430; and Randall’s is \$45,694. The median income for the State of Minnesota is \$68,388.

Mayor Yoder also pointed out that there are at least 60 mobile homes in the city. A discussion ensued as to the need for more working families to move to Motley, as well as the need for a nicer housing development, possibly located in Industrial Park. The mayor went on to note that there are job opportunities with two major industries in town.

- “How can we as a whole help our city?” was his question to the council.
- HEARD monthly reports from department heads.
- APPROVED a request from the fire department

to sell two items on Minn-Bid, an online auction site. These include their rescue rig and a slide-in pump for the grass rig. The money will go toward the purchase of the police department’s squad vehicle which the fire department will be using as a rescue rig.

- LEARNED that the fire department plans to purchase a training dummy.
- LEARNED that the police department’s new squad vehicle should arrive by Dec. 1.
- APPROVED the certification of past-due utility accounts.
- APPROVED a resolution establishing precinct boundaries and designating Motley City Hall as a polling place for the 2020 elections.
- APPROVED a motion not to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes, section 466.04. Motley is a member of the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT), the company from which they obtain their liability coverage.
- DISCUSSED the donation agreement between the City of Motley and Minnesota Power dated Aug. 31, 2018. Per the agreement, Minnesota Power constructed and donated an



Mayor shares concerns

Motley Mayor Al Yoder shared a presentation at the most recent city council meeting, initiating a discussion regarding the economy of Motley. The mayor noted the need for more working families to move to the city, as well as the need for more housing. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

electric vehicle charging station with a solar array located on land the city is leasing in the parking lot of BRICKS Travel Center in Motley. It was noted that everything had been working fine, but now it needs some repairs, which Minnesota Power has agreed to take care of. Before they sign the Bill of Sale and accept it, the council is waiting until the EV charging station is fixed.

- SET the next regular council meeting for Monday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m., or immediately following the final 2020 budget/

levy public hearing which is scheduled that day at 6 p.m. The council will hold a workshop at 5:30 p.m.

- APPROVED a motion that special assessments for tax-forfeited parcels located on Emory Circle that have been purchased be paid within 15 years. The cost is \$8,467.16 per lot, with an interest rate of 4.15 percent. The interest over that time would be \$3,076.19. Mayor Yoder abstained from voting.
- HELD a closed meeting to conduct a performance evaluation for City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja.

2020 Business Benchmarks identifies opportunities, challenges to growing Minnesota economy

Minnesota’s business climate continues to be a mixed landscape for fostering statewide economic growth, according to the 2020 Minnesota Business Benchmarks report.

“This report helps deepen our understanding of Minnesota’s economic competitiveness,” Minnesota Chamber President Doug Loon said. Several indicators of overall performance, including job creation and GDP, have lagged behind the national

average for most of the past five years. “Data show that other states are outpacing Minnesota’s economic growth. The tight labor market, high taxes and regulatory burdens may be hampering economic performance.”

The 2020 Business Benchmarks report will be formally released Thursday at the Minnesota Chamber’s Annual Meeting. The report compiles key indicators that define the state’s business climate – where Minnesota ranks compared with other states – to identify the state’s strengths as well as areas for improvement for Minnesota to compete in the global economy. Comprehensive, objective data were compiled from sources such as state and federal agencies.

The fifth annual report provides the opportunity to identify positive, troubling and mixed trends in the state’s business climate:

Positive trends include improved highway per-

formance, lower workers’ compensation costs, and more talent coming into Minnesota through state-to-state and international migration.

More troubling trends include rising tax burdens and health care costs, and an overall economic performance that lags behind the national average.

Some results are more mixed. Exports are up, but subject to uncertainty in this political environment. Workforce is one of the state’s top strengths, but the state faces critical labor shortages and education outcomes that impede worker preparedness.

“The Minnesota Chamber is focused on ensuring strong economic growth and a bright future for all Minnesotans,” Loon said. “Minnesota continues to be a leader in innovation. Improving the overall business climate will attract companies and cement this legacy of innovation for generations.”

Businesses remain challenged to find quali-

fied workers, Loon noted. In addition, “the cost of health care, taxes and operational costs are continued concerns to employers and employees alike.”

The 2020 Business Benchmarks report interprets the state’s business climate through the stories of real business leaders:

Laura Ekholm, executive vice president at L&M Radiator in Hibbing, said the company is increasingly challenged by the state’s regulatory landscape. “We aren’t just a Minnesota company. If something adds costs to doing business in Minnesota, we won’t look favorably on that. There are a lot of good companies in Minnesota. We need to keep them here.”

Greg Frandsen, president of Industrial Netting in Brooklyn Park, underscored the burden of high taxes on everyone. As an S-Corporation, taxes limit what he can reinvest in his company. Taxes have a direct impact on talent, too. “The more you tax and

regulate talent, the less you get. With today’s technology, employees can be located almost anywhere in the country.”

Hussein Farah, founder and executive director of New Vision Foundation in St. Paul, echoed the widespread concern over the state’s historic labor shortage. He encouraged a broad-based approach to help workers reach required competencies. “We need to solve the problem for few years down the road. Employers need to look at it as a much bigger problem than a couple of trainings. We must bring more stakeholders to the table.”

“The data and stories from business leaders are a great way to frame constructive conversations with policymakers on what is needed to help Minnesota’s economy change and grow,” Loon said. “Minnesota’s future success will be achieved by building on our successes and minimizing our weaknesses.”

Law enforcement reports

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

Nov. 14 - The MCSO received a report from Trident Foods in Motley that a substance was found in the employee bathroom that appeared to be Meth. The responding deputy took the substance to the MPD for a field test and the result showed positive for Meth. It was placed in evidence. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 19 - The MPD received a call from an employee at BRICKS in Motley who reported finding a needle cap and a substance that appeared to be Meth in the women’s restroom. The substance was turned over to police to be properly disposed of.

Nov. 18 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Jackson Sellers, 19; a juvenile; Kristopher Neupauer, 42.

Nov. 18 - The MPD received an anonymous complaint regarding the appearance of a property at the 100 block of Front St. E., Motley. The responding officer drove by the residence, took photos of the property and added them to the file. He will attempt to make contact with the owner regarding the numerous ordinance violations.

Nov. 18 - The MPD received a report of a gas drive-off at Orton’s BP in Motley.

Nov. 14 - The MPD issued a citation to Tucker Hart, 19, for hands-free violation.

Nov. 18 - The MCSO issued a citation to Clint Kasten, for driving with a revoked license.

Nov. 17 - The MCSO assisted Cass County with a crash just outside of Motley on Hwy 210

Nov. 16 - The MCSO received a 911 call from someone at the 33000 block of Fir Ln., Motley, reporting his back yard and a power pole were on fire. Scandia Valley fire was paged.

Nov. 14 - The MCSO received word from Todd County that the Staples Fire Dept. was requesting mutual aid for a garage fire at the 10000 block of Pine Ridge Dr., Staples.

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Study shows shopping local has positive impact on regional economies

When consumers purchase locally grown foods at smaller central Minnesota groceries, they’re strongly motivated by supporting nearby growers and choosing fresh, healthy food. Their purchases have an outsize impact on local economies.

Those are among the findings of a recently released study at University of Minnesota Extension, which analyzed 11 of 18 similar small grocery operations in the region that offer local, organic and natural foods.

For every dollar of sales at these stores, an additional 60 cents was generated in the region. That’s three times the average economic impact of typical food and beverage stores, which provide an additional 20 cents for every dollar of sales.

“When stores purchase from local

farmers and other local producers, more money stays local and ripples through an economy,” said Ryan Pesch, Extension educator and chief author of the report.

The 11 stores operators studied spent \$2.3 million on inventory in a single year, of which an average of 30 percent was purchased from farms and businesses in the central Minnesota study area. This included 232 farms accounts and 111 non-farm producers such as local artisans and value-added producers. Stores reported a wide range of local purchasing, with their inventory from local producers ranging from four to 62 percent. The largest purchase was of locally raised meats, with bakery items second and fruits and vegetables third.

“Customers said they are driven to spend dollars that support local foods and local business,” says Pesch. “They also value healthy foods and environmental stewardship. These values brought customers to these 11 stores, and motivated them to spend more.”

Understanding economic impacts informs communities and stores as they consider ways to deepen their relationship with customers and tout the impact of local purchasing. Extension’s applied research helps communities and regions better understand their business environment. Other economic studies and reports can be found at <https://z.umn.edu/511r>



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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1944

• Nov. 30, 1944 - Deer hunters, apparently, killed a horse in the Frank Mertens pasture one day the first of last week and the animal was not found until about the middle of the week by neighbors of the Mertens family. No one reported to the Mertens people about the killing, and the family state that it is quite a loss to them at this time. No clues are available as to who did the shooting.

• Nov. 30, 1944 - A new oak hardwood floor has

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Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Nov. 13, 1969 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from

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

50 Years Ago - 1969

• Dec. 4, 1969 - Seaman Charles M. Harmon, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harmon of Motley, completed a seven-month deployment in the Tonkin Gulf aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Oriskany, homeported at Alameda, Calif.

• Dec. 4, 1969 - A two car accident at the intersection of Highways 212 and 15, about 8 miles west of Glencoe early Wednesday evening, Nov. 26, claimed the lives of a former Staples resident and his wife of Brainerd.

Killed in the mishap were Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Baxter. Mr. Baxter had resided in Staples for many years and moved to Brainerd three years ago. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, the accident happened about 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving

• Nov. 30, 1944 - Dennehey's Pure Oil Service in Staples advertisement reads, "Just Arrived! Good stock of Passenger and Truck Tire Chains. Heavy and light duty chains. Large supply on hand - Get yours now while they last."



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Nov. 6, 1969 edition of the Staples World was taken at the Faculty Wives meeting held at the Staples High School cafeteria. The occasion was International Hors d'oeuvre Night. Pictured, from left, are Ann Engberg, vocational school cooking class instructor; Bruce Hayenga, Engberg's assistant; and Judy Droubie, chairman of the Faculty Wives committee. According to the article, "the evening consisted of candlelight, music, flowing fountains and countless, unique displays of delicious food. To the delight and surprise of all, the evening ended with a flaming dessert for each of the over fifty members in attendance. The Faculty Wives committee included Kay Tomsich, Ollie Sycks, Marion Mertens, Gail Wonders, Sue Storbakken, Mitzi Hurd, Bea Olson, Joyce Anderson and Judy Droubie.

Sue Storbakken of Staples identified all and recalled the vocational school's Faculty Wives' holiday luncheons that used to take place. She and her husband, Ron, moved to Staples in 1967, she said. Jean Hayenga of Staples also identified all correctly and noted that the annual holiday tea was hosted by Duane Lund. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Cause of structure fire in Staples unknown

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office reports that on Nov. 14, they received a call of a structure fire at 10393 Pine Ridge Drive in Staples, at approximately 4:23 p.m.

Upon his arrival, the responding deputy observed a single unit shack that was detached from the house and was a complete loss. The deputy then met with the property owner and members of the Staples Police and Fire

Departments. According to the report, the deputy learned that nobody was home at the time of the fire.

The cause of the fire is unknown at this time and will remain under investigation.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Staples Fire Department, Staples Police Department along with the Office of the Minnesota State Fire Marshal.

Eve. The patrol further reported that Mr. Baxter, 77, and Mrs. Baxter, 83, were both pronounced dead at the scene. Mrs. Baxter, the former Ora Whales, had been a Brainerd resident for the past 28 years.

The other vehicle involved in the accident was driven by Charles Hess, 29, of Richfield. Passengers in the Hess auto were his wife, Judy, 26, and their 3-month old son, Chad. Mr. and Mrs. Hess were both treated for injuries at the Glencoe hospital. Young Chad was apparently uninjured.

• Dec. 4, 1969 - Motley School Superintendent R. G. Berg announced today that Maynard Shackelford will begin his duties as an instructor at the Motley high school on Jan. 5. Mr. Shackelford will receive his degree from Bemidji State college this month. At the Motley school, he will be a mathematics instructor and will coach the "B" basketball team.

25 Years Ago - 1994

• Dec. 1, 1994 - A Minneapolis man was indicted last week in connection with selling a pistol to two men accused of committing several crimes last summer in the Midwest, including the holdup of the Mid Central Federal Savings Bank in Staples.

Clarence Felton Champion, 29, was indicted Nov. 23 by a federal grand jury in Minneapolis on four firearms violations. He is accused of selling a Browning 9 mm semi-automatic pistol last August to Benjamin Harold Brooks, 27 and Frederick James Treesh, 30, both from Indiana.

FBI and other law enforcement agencies believe Brooks and Treesh are responsible for robbing the Staples bank on August 16, making off with a reported \$5,000 in cash. The Staples heist was one of their more successful, second only to a \$7,000 heist two days later in

Staples Lions offer free Christmas dinner

The Staples Host Lions will sponsor and serve a Christmas Community Appreciation Dinner at the Staples-Motley High School Cafeteria on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Everyone is invited and welcome to share in the turkey dinner. There is no charge for the meal.

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CLC, MSUM announce Health Administration partnership

Central Lakes College and Minnesota State University Moorhead announce partnership between the institutions' Health Services Administration programs.

The articulation agreement means students can start at CLC, earning a Healthcare Administrative Specialist Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree and then transfer seamlessly to MSUM to complete their undergraduate degree in Health Services Administration. The Health Services Administration degree is offered online.

CLC's Healthcare Administrative Specialist A.A.S degree allows students to learn the skills necessary to obtain employment immediately after graduation, allowing them to work in the field and pursue the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree from MSUM.

Susan Bremer, instructor for CLC's Health Administration program said, "This partnership is

an excellent opportunity for students to pursue the B.S. for career advancement. CLC's A.A.S. can be completed face-to-face or online and MSUM's B.S. degrees can be completed online. Both schools are committed to providing graduates with the knowledge and skills to be future leaders in healthcare."

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Co-Chair of the School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership and Associate Professor at MSUM added, "Our Bachelor of Science degree builds upon the specialized skills students from Central Lakes College have developed and expands upon them with management, quality improvement, informatics, marketing and financial knowledge. MSUM's Health Services Administration program applies an innovative and inter-professional approach to prepare leaders and administrators in the field of health care administration."

Veteran's News

David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

As part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) commitment to a smoke-free health care environment for veterans, in October, the department will extend its smoke-free policies to include employees at its health care facilities.

This follows the department's June 10 announcement of a new policy restricting smoking by patients, visitors, volunteers, contractors and vendors at its health care facilities. The integration of these two efforts guarantees a fully smoke-free environment for veterans.

"This policy change is consistent with our mission to promote a healthy environment for patients, visitors and employees at our facilities and is an important element of improving our health care system," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "It will reduce the harmful effects of smoking, including exposure to second and third-hand smoke, as well as increase safety and reduce fire hazards caused by smoking."

The VA has collaborated with key stakeholders to update and recertify the employee policy to be consistent with department's commitment to veterans and the community. Implementation of the employee

smoke-free policy will be completed no later than January 2020 based on employee union-negotiated timelines.

The Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) smoke-free policy applies to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, any other combustion of tobacco and non-Federal Drug Administration approved electronic nicotine delivery systems, including but not limited to electronic or e-cigarettes, vape pens or e-cigs.

To learn more about health risks associated with smoking, visit the Surgeon General's website at www.hhs.gov/surgeon-general/reports-and-publications/tobacco/index.html or smokefree.gov/.

VHA has resources and programs to assist employees in their smoke free journey and these can be found at the following VHA website at www.mentalhealth.va.gov/quit-tobacco/

For additional information about the policy visit vaww.va.gov/vhapublications/admin/ViewPublication.asp?Pub_ID=8424. (Source: Veteran News Donnie La Curan August 22, 2019)

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

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

With the wonderful Thanksgiving observance upon us, we hope that you will be able to spend time with family and friends. As we're getting ready for Thanksgiving, we wanted to let you know that we will be closed:

Thursday, November 28
Friday, November 29

The Staff at Staples World newspaper

Nation counts 399th annual Thanksgiving

By Derick Moore, senior communications specialist, U.S. Census Bureau

In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims — early settlers of Plymouth Colony — held a three-day feast to celebrate a bountiful harvest. Many regard this event as the nation's first Thanksgiving.

The Wampanoag Indians in attendance played a key role but historians have recorded harvest ceremonies of thanks among other groups of European settlers in North America, including the British colonists in Virginia as early as 1619.

There are several places in the United States that have the same names as either the holiday's traditional feast or the early colonists' arrival to the New World.

How many colonists were there? The estimated population in 1620 was 2,499 according to the table on page 25 of "Historical Statistics of the United States," published in 1949 by the Census Bureau.

The legacy of thanks and the feast have survived centuries since the event became a national holiday on Oct. 3, 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November as a national day of thanksgiving.

Decades later, President Franklin Roosevelt officially declared that Thanksgiving should always be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of the month to encourage earlier holiday shopping.

Fun Facts

There are several places in the United States that have the same names as

either the holiday's traditional feast or the early colonists' arrival to the New World.

- Seven share the name of the centerpiece of most Thanksgiving meals — the turkey — and have tiny populations:
 - Turkey city, Texas, (pop. 339)
 - Turkey Creek Census Designated Place (CDP), Ariz., (489)
 - Turkey Creek township, Stone County, Ark., (316)
 - Turkey Creek township, McPherson County, Kan., (343)
 - Turkey Creek village, La., (424)
 - Turkey town, N.C., (242)
 - Turkey Valley township, Yankton County, S.D., (167)
- Five places are named after the popular Thanksgiving side dish of cranberries:
 - Cranberry Lake CDP, N.Y., (157)
 - Cranberry township, Alleghany County, N.C., (155)
 - Cranberry township, Avery County, N.C., (534)
 - Cranberry township, Butler County, Pa., (30,132)
 - Cranberry township, Venango County, Pa., (6,465)
- Three are named after the Mayflower, the English ship that brought the first Pilgrims to the New World:
 - Mayflower Census County Division (CCD), Pike County, Ky., (3,191)
 - Mayflower, city, Ark., (2,218)
 - Mayflower Village CDP, Calif., (5,828)
- Two counties have Plymouth in their names as in Plymouth Rock, the landing site of the first Pilgrims:
 - Plymouth County, Iowa, (25,027)
 - Plymouth County, Mass., (509,114)

- Two places are named Pilgrim:
 - Pilgrim CDP, Mich., (52)
 - Pilgrim township, Dade County, Mo., (79)

Census facts

Thanksgiving is a good time to reflect on how our founders enshrined in the U.S. Constitution the importance of statistics as a vital tool for measuring our people, places and economy.

Many facts come from Census Bureau surveys.

There were 122.7 million occupied housing units across the nation in the third quarter of 2019. Alas, no statistics on how many will host family gatherings and Thanksgiving feasts.

Multigenerational households, those with three or more generations, numbered 4.6 million in 2018. The highest concentration is in California.

Family Gatherings

Just 53 pilgrims celebrated the fall harvest, an English tradition, in the New World in 1621. In 2018, some 22.8 million people in the U.S. reported English ancestry. The number in Massachusetts was 607,612.

The first Thanksgiving included 90 Wampanoag Indians. The 2010 Census counted 6,500 members of the Wampanoag American Indian tribal grouping.

Next year, the 2020 Census plans to count every person living in the United States, including American Indians. Every person counted should report race by marking one or more boxes and print ethnic origins. American Indians may print the name of enrolled or principal tribe(s).



As we pause to think about what we're most grateful for, friends and customers like you come to mind.

We wish you and your families all the best at Thanksgiving and always!



Small Business Saturday? Try it all year long

By Quint Studer

November 30, 2019, is Small Business Saturday. Starting in 2010, American Express designated this day—the Saturday after Thanksgiving each year—to encourage people to “Shop Small.” The financial services company reports that since the commemoration began, “Consumers have reported spending an estimated \$103 billion across all Small Business Saturdays combined.”

As a community revitalization expert, I welcome every chance to shine a spotlight on the small businesses and local entrepreneurs who make up the economic engine of most small and mid-size towns and cities.

Days like Small Business Saturday can help business owners get face time with customers who might not normally shop there. And consumers get to see what they might be missing—the personal connections and experiences they may not always get from online or big box retailers.

Still, shopping small and local can and should be more than a symbolic one-day-a-year event. Anyone who wants a stronger, more vibrant community needs to support their small businesses every day. They are the key to economic revitalization. They play a vital role in creating the “sense of place” that gives a community its competitive advantage.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses create two out of every three net new jobs in the private sector. What's more, over half of all Americans own or work for a small business.

There's a symbiotic relationship between resi-

dents and small business owners. They really need each other. Small businesses provide jobs and keep the dollars circulating locally. Their owners have an active and personal interest in the well-being of the community. They live there. Their kids go to school there. They care about what happens.

When wealth is created, business owners are more likely to turn around and reinvest in the community.

In fact, small businesses have a far more important role in their communities than ever before. The old “pillars”—big institutions like banks, hospitals, media outlets, and other businesses—are no longer locally owned. The executives who work for them play a critical short-term role in the community, but often they're not there for the long haul. So small business leaders must step in to fill this leadership void.

A few decades ago, the owners of these “pillar” businesses were committed to keeping their communities vibrant. They knew their economic health depended on it. But now that the owners of these former “pillars” live elsewhere, they just don't have the same intimate connection to the community.

It makes sense for small businesses to take the lead in pulling communities out of the economic slump many have been in for years. When communities are vibrant, there are more high-paying jobs, and people can afford to shop. Quality of life improves. There's more money for schools and programs that lift people out of poverty. Everyone wins.

That's what happened in Pensacola, which in recent years has seen a surge in

new businesses and explosive growth in property values. Small businesses have galvanized into a solid group, and they take an active role in the leadership of the community. The city's business leaders mentor new entrepreneurs. They ensure that all small business owners are well trained in the leadership skills they need to thrive long-term. And successful small businesses give back.

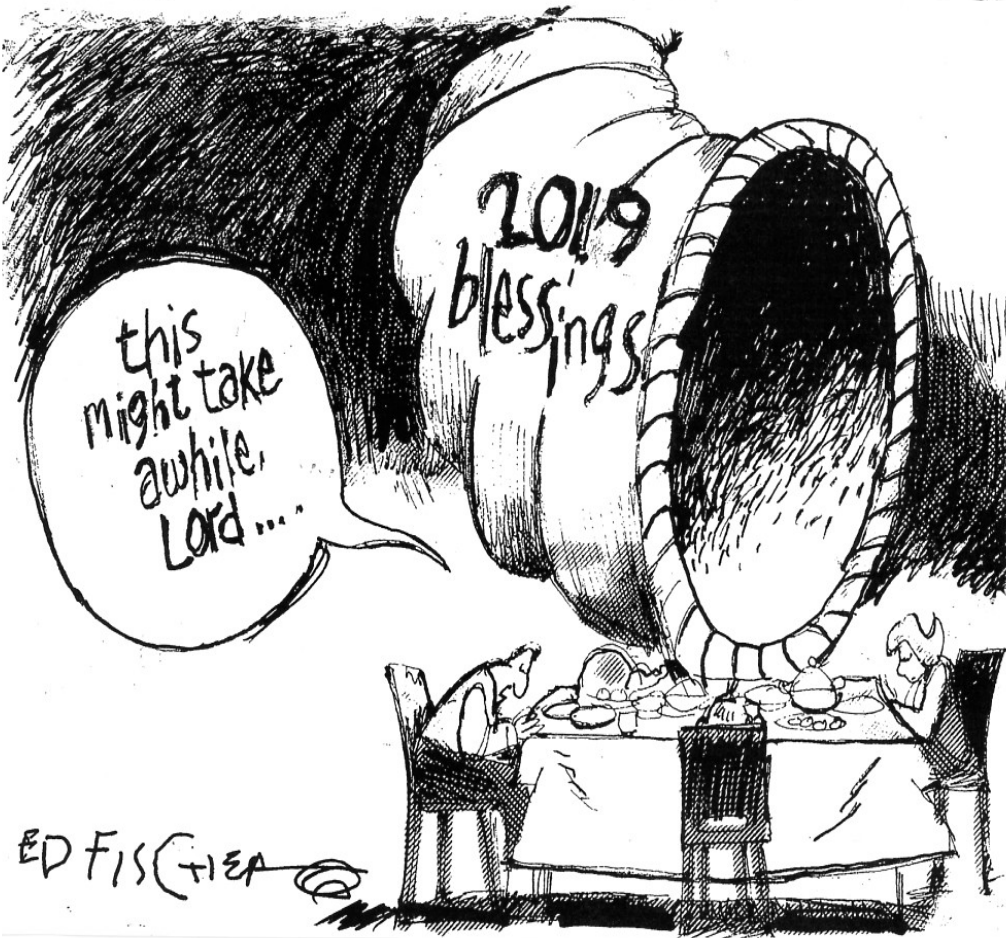
Many small businesses have made their commitment to their local community part of their brand. This is what customers want. The more chaotic and uncertain the world becomes, the more people crave a safe and stable home base. This is a huge trend, and it's taking place all over America.

This is how you, the small business owner, can compete with the megaretailers. Create an experience for your community. Citizens will know they're being looked after, and they will want to do business locally. This can become your competitive advantage. Take care of the community, and it will take care of you.

The bottom line? Don't shop locally only on Small Business Saturday. Do it every chance you get, all year long.

A purchase from a small business owner is an investment in your community. Who better to support than those who are working so hard to create a better future for everyone?

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Letter to the Editor



Wreath Time, 'Tis the Season

For the past couple of years Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples started selling wreaths for the graves as its only fundraiser for maintenance/ upkeep of the cemetery... All proceeds go directly to the cemetery and no one is paid for the making of the wreaths or in the placing of them on the graves. These wreaths are strictly made for purchase for placement on the graves. These are not sold for residential or business placement, nor are they in any way intended for that use.

When wreaths are purchased they stay until the selling deadline and then are all placed at one time

on the graves by cemetery volunteers.

It's unfortunate that there's confusion that it's a competitor of the Staples Lions Club Wreath Sales, which is just not so - two different reasons for wreath sales. In fact, I believe that the two entities share members of the organization with members on the cemetery board, so I would hope anyone thinking that it's competition could certainly talk with those people, and see that it's for the common good and not contrary to each entity's efforts.

Small communities survive by working together for the good of all.

Happy Thanksgiving and have a blessed and grateful Holiday season.

Kathy Odden
Staples, Minn.



Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

AA MTGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PILLAGER: Tuesdays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

AA MTG AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.

AA MTGS IN VERNDALE: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.

DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS MEETING Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MTG Mondays, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3 - 4 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5288.

MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MTG second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall (except Jan. and Feb.). For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Monday, 1:30 p.m., Edgewood Vista dining room, 14211 Firewood Dr., Baxter. For info., 218-829-4017.

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG second Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. For info., Facebook at Todd County Minnesota Republicans, or call 320-533-1119.

WADENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE MTG third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCo-Chair@yahoo.com.

WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION MTG second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley (except Nov. and Jan.). For info, 218-640-5423.

WOMEN OF TODAY MTG first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

December 4

STAPLES AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 70 CHRISTMAS PARTY Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Staples Lions Bldg. Potluck at noon. Bring wrapped gift for 'crazy bingo.' Short mtg to follow. RSVP to Arlene at 218-894-2254.

Educational Opportunities

December 5

EVERGREEN & BOWS WREATH CLASS hosted by Living Legacy Gardens, Thursday, Dec. 5, 4:30 - 8 p.m., Central Lakes College Assembly Rm., Staples campus. Instructors are Becky Roelofs; and Alan & Shirley Judd.

Spend some cozy time in the holiday atmosphere as you learn to create a hand woven balsam based holiday wreath from start to finish. All materials are provided; bring pruning shears and gloves.

For more information and to register, call Staples-Motley Community Ed. at 218-894-2497 or register online at https://staples-motley.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/costoption/class_id/99/public/1/

Programs and activities at Staples Public Library

Children's Events

1,000 Books before Kindergarten

Enjoy a fun program encouraging reading and early literacy skills. For ages birth to five years. Check out the new app available to record books read. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Ongoing.

In-Library Fun Activity

Play our monthly guessing game and stop at the desk for a treat. A prize winner will be chosen from the correct answers each week. For all ages. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. During library open hours.

Reading RoundHouse Storytime

Stories and activities on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 10:30 - 11 a.m. For preschool to grade two. Registration required. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Holiday Gingerbread Houses

Create your own gingerbread house using frosting, candies and

graham crackers. Thursday, Dec. 5, 5:30 - 7 p.m. All supplies provided. For ages five - ten. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Adult Events

Book Club for Adults

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, then this is the group for you. A fun opportunity for you to learn interesting facts about the authors and share your opinions. Contact the library for the monthly book selection and to sign up. Book Club meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 6 - 7 p.m. For teens and adults.

Family Events Star Gazing

Spend an evening doing fun crafts (ages 5 - 10) and learning about the stars and solar system Thursday, Nov. 7, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. All ages invited to do viewing from our telescope from 7 - 7:30 p.m., dependent on weather.

Family Events

Holiday Music, Andrew

Walesch

Singer and pianist Andrew Walesch will present a memorable evening of holiday favorites from the Great American Songbook. For all ages. A Legacy event. Thursday, Dec. 19, 5 - 7 p.m.

Technology Events

Tech Time

Trouble understanding your laptop, iPad, Kindle or other electronic device? Would you like to download books from the library website or use ebooks but aren't sure how to? Tech help will be available the second Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon. Registration required. For teens and adults. Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Library Hours

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. Hours: Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 2-8 p.m., Weds. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 2-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information contact the library at 218-894-1401.

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

° CHRISTMAS BREAK - No School Dec. 23 - Jan. 1.

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

December

° MAJOR WORK CONCERT Dec. 7, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium

° MS/HS CHRISTMAS CONCERT Dec. 12, Grades 5 - 8 at 6 p.m.; Grades 9 - 12 at 7 p.m. Centennial Auditorium.

° HS CHRISTMAS CONCERT Dec. 16, Grades 9 - 12, Centennial Auditorium.

° MS STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS Dec. 19, 8 a.m.

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Thursday, November 28

Friday, November 29

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Community Christmas Concert

Staples Area Men's Chorus

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Staples-Motley High School

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Saturday, December 7

Centennial Auditorium, Staples

(Limited seating)

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Nelson Insurance Agency, Staples

Timberlake Hotel, Staples



Second half energy leads to win in basketball opener

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team finished strong to win their opening game of the season, 64-47 against Wadena-Deer Creek.

Kaitlyn Smith opened the game with two three pointers to give the Cardinals an early 6-2 lead. Balanced scoring the rest of the half led to a 33-28 lead, with seven players getting into the scoring column.

The Cardinals came out flat-footed in the second half and saw their lead trimmed to one point. Senior Alix Peterson decided to set an aggressive tone for the rest of the game with a drive to the basket that resulted in two free throws. The team went inside to Tabetha Allen for a basket, then Allen stepped outside to make a three pointer.

Meanwhile, Staples-Motley stepped up their defense, deflecting passes, making steals and forcing tough shots.

When Smith made an inside basket and another three pointer, the Cardinals stretched the lead to 45-34. The team stayed aggressive on offense with Peterson and Eliabeth Danilyuk driving to the basket, and they kept the lead the rest of the game. Peterson ended up making six of nine free throws in addition to three driving baskets.

Smith made three of seven three pointers and Haley Cichos made two of her three long shots.

Season preview

The first game showed that the Cardinals have a lot of players who can contribute various skills this season.

"We have a great group of girls with a lot of experience, they are all great leaders on the team and in school," said Coach Brian

Smith.

Staples-Motley returns five seniors and two juniors, all who have played at the varsity level. "We have a lot of experience as three of our starters will be starting games for the third season," said Smith. "The players all know their roles and what strengths they bring to the team."

The seniors are Kaila Erbe, Kaitlyn Smith, Alix Peterson, Bella Martin and Elizabeth Danilyuk, who is playing her first season at Staples-Motley after moving from Milaca. Juniors are Haley Cichos and Tabetha Allen.

Although the Cardinals lost one of their rebounders from last year, the returning players are taking steps to fill the roles needed to win games.

"They play with a 'team first' style that will be very fun to watch," said Smith. "We like to play up-tempo and let our guards push the ball up the floor and try to get the defense out of position."

The team also looks to use their experience on defense. "Defensively we have worked hard to improve our man to man," said Smith. "We play a really good 2-3 zone defense but if we continue to improve our man defense that will help us tremendously moving forward this season."

Smith said the team will also keep working on limiting turnovers, which hurt them the past two years.

"I think as this season progresses we are going to see a team that is very competitive, driven and could surprise some people by season time," said Smith.

The Cardinals could be competitive in the Mid State Conference this year, after finishing in last place last year. The conference still looks to be strong throughout, so it will take a big effort to get any conference win.

For playoff time, Staples-Motley will play in the realigned Section 8AA, which has returning champion Roseau, plus two new teams that were in the state tournament last year, Fergus Falls from Class AAA and Menahga from Class A.

Staples-Motley 64, Wadena-Deer Creek 47

Scoring: Kaitlyn Smith 17, Tabetha Allen 13, Alix Peterson 12, Elizabeth Danilyuk 10, Haley Cichos 7, Bella Martin 4, Kaila Erbe 1

Rebounds: Allen 13, Peterson 7, Smith 6, Danilyuk 6



In a crowd

Bella Martin emerges from a scramble to score two points.



Cardinal flying past

Alix Peterson drives around her defender.



Up for 3

Kaitlyn Smith hits a three point shot.

Working under the basket

Kaila Erbe gets fouled taking a shot early in the season opener. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

The lake on which our family's cabin sits is, for now, itself a tale of two lakes. Circling its most easterly bay early Saturday morning on the access road that hugs that shoreline, ice stretched out for 200 yards, give or take. At the public launch site, just across from a popular restaurant, the ice sheet had tapered down to 150 yards. By the look of it, barring an extended

war m spell, there'll be no boat launching here for another five months.

Then again, watching the sun rise from where the cabin sits facing southward at the lake's widest expanse, the only hint that winter is next on the seasonal agenda is the bare trees that have so recently lost their dramatic color. No evidence of the ice slush that just days before had washed in, driven by a southerly wind that ground it to bits against the shoreline riprap. From here, just now, you might imagine that most of the lake's 2,900 acres are ice-free.

Next day, on Sunday—returning from a recycling errand in the afternoon—I spun the wheel at the county road's junction with the access to the lake's west end landing, in summertime the most popular and largest entry point to

this excellent fishing lake. I stopped just for the sake of argument, to see if—by some quirk of wind, or depth, or current—there might be open water there.

Not a high probability, considering that the lake slims down considerably here, and is more sheltered than almost anywhere else on its perimeter. This not only makes it nice for launching boats, but makes it susceptible to early ice forming when dropping temperatures cool the surface down to the freezing point. Without wind to generate waves and keep water molecules in motion and fluid, they'll link together, and—voilà—ice forms.

The parking lot that for seven months of the year is usually filled with boat trailer rigs was nearly empty. The Minnesota DNR's seasonal dock, larger than many to accommodate the volume of boats here at peak periods, was pulled up on shore where it would spend the winter and early spring.

But the place was not truly empty. Several pickups, sans trailer, were parked alongside the barren launch ramp. Behind one, a young man was carefully packing equipment into a large plastic sled he had eased out of the pickup's bed. Having made everything secure, he pulled it scragging across the parking lot gravel, down the ramp's incline, and out onto the ice.

He seemed not the least bit apprehensive as he walked out; no tentative steps, no jabs with an ice chisel to make doubly sure that the ice was thick

enough to hold him and his gear. No life jacket, in the event he should fall though. I suspect his nonchalance was due to having fished here already this November, and that he felt he was not venturing out onto ice that was unfamiliar.

Just as surprising to me, far beyond the path he was trudging I could see the bright blue of a portable fishing shelter, and an angler near it who appeared to be checking lines in outside holes. Not all that much farther beyond them—give or take, to allow for the deceptiveness of distance—was the glittering blue of open water, a strange and dangerous-feeling juxtaposition. All the more questionable after three days of above-freezing temperatures, coupled with light rain—which can weaken the bonds of newly-formed ice.

This lake is not the only one where anglers are braving the ice before full freeze-up. It's true that the ice-up process began early this year. That will be attested to by many duck hunters whose favorite waters froze early. Deer hunters, too, who spent unusually frigid days in their deer stands. But there simply have not been enough consistently-sub-zero days and nights to create truly safe ice.

Yet a drive up the heavily-trafficked Highway 371 from Central Minnesota to Bemidji and beyond will take you past many lakes where portable ice fishing shelters have begun popping up like mushrooms, with on-foot anglers daring to go where they might not yet take their pick-

ups; places where—they believe—the early ice will support them and their go-light gear.

Except that we've already had clear evidence that many of the lakes are not ready to safely support ice fishermen. Within the last two weeks 11 anglers had to be rescued on Upper Red Lake when a large sheet of ice on which they were fishing broke free from shore and began drifting. Official rescue personnel and nearby resort owners took part in that rescue.

After the incident, the Beltrami County Sheriff asked local resort operators to discourage anglers from going out onto unsafe ice. Last year a young couple ice fishing at night lost their lives when the ATV they were riding went through an opening or weak area at a popular northern Minnesota ice fishing destination. Both incidents could have been avoided.

As the Sheriff so aptly pointed out, those who take ice angling safety risks and must be rescued have put others' lives on the line; to say nothing of the cost measured in grief and in support lost to their families, if they should perish due to this poor judgment.

There's a belief that some of the best fishing of the ice angling season is to be had on the earliest ice. Guessing that ice is safe is not the same as knowing it's safe. Guessing right can be profitable in terms of memorable fishing success. Guessing wrong can cost a lot more than that.

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- In 2011, the U.S. Senate officially recognized Small Business Saturday as a holiday.
- By 2012, this shopping event had spread to all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

• In 2013, more than 1,400 local neighborhoods celebrated Small Business Saturday from coast to coast.

• In 2014, the shopping holiday generated more than \$14 billion in revenues for local, independent business owners.

• In 2015, approximately 95 million Americans celebrated Small Business Saturday by shopping at small businesses.

• In 2016, total revenues for this relatively new

shopping holiday exceeded \$15 billion.

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Pallet class completed at Staples Library

Pallet Class was recently held at the Staples Public Library with each participant staining and painting a pallet sign. This program was provided with part of the Locally Grow' donations from patrons, Staples and Motley Lions groups and the Friends of the Library.

Stop in the library and pick up an event guide for upcoming programs at

the Great River Regional Libraries; visit our web page under events at www.griv-er.org or Follow us on Facebook.

Above: Displaying their signs are front row, left to right: Kim Koppes, Diane Archer, Andria Dolezal. Back: Rick Jackman, Becky Lindgren, Nicole Taylor, Sherry Scribner, Carrie Johnson, Tonia Dolezal.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Shana and Calvin Cruse of Baxter, a baby girl, Johanna Kathleen weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on November 15, 2019.

Born to Deanna Barhorst and Jerry Wilber of Mille Lacs, a baby girl, Nadia Mae weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on November 16, 2019.

Born to Emily and Keith Radniecki of Bertha, a baby girl, Lorna Lynn weighing nine pounds, 15 ounces on November 17, 2019.

Born to Stacy and Ben Underhill of Staples, a baby girl, Genevieve Elaine weighing eight pounds, two ounces on November 19, 2019.

Born to Bobbie and Shane Gordon of Brainerd, a baby boy, Caden James weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on November 19, 2019.

Born to Kripa and Bryan Reese of Staples, a baby girl, Himalaya Ann weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on November 19, 2019.

Obituary

Donald Cameron

Donald Cameron, 89, of Baxter, passed away at his home November 19, 2019.

A memorial service was held November 26 at Mother of Sorrows Church in Aldrich.

Interment was at Mother of Sorrows Church Cemetery following the service.

Donald was born April 23, 1930 in Aldrich to Alexander and Leona (Dibble) Cameron. He enlisted in the Army on March 1, 1951. He was Corporal of the Army Security Agency of the Alaska 333 Communication Recon Company until his honorable discharge on February 28, 1954. He married Janice Strom on July 28, 1956. Donald retired as a conductor for the railroad after 33 years of service. He was a member of the Aldrich City Council for many years, and enjoyed tinkering on motors and mechanics.

Donald is survived by four children, Stephen "Reno" (Cathie) Cameron,



Jani "Susie" (Scott) Nundahl, Jon "Tyke" (Felicia) Cameron, Jodi Cameron; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren one brother, David "Ike" (Carol) Cameron and one sister, Pearl "Gert" (Herb) Domeno.

Donald is preceded in death by his wife, Janice; parents; son, Jeffrey; two sisters, Harriet and Theresa and five brothers, James, Kenny, Lefty, Jerome and Franklin.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Classes..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer..... 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY

Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonlight (Kids Program)..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
..... 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell)
Discipleship Classes..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship..... 9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast..... 11:45 a.m.
2nd Sunday, each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing..... 218-575-2449
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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages..... 9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering..... 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer..... 4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club..... 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group..... 6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes..... 320-749-2583
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study..... 7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader..... 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Leader..... 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School..... 9:00 a.m.

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Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club..... 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group..... 5:30-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley..... 218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley..... 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday..... 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday..... 8:30 a.m.
Saturday..... 7:00 p.m.
Sunday..... 10:30 a.m.

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Matthew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Hewitt

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

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

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

Verndale

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Prayer..... 9:20 a.m.
Coffee / Fellowship..... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery..... 6-8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.....Meal..... 6:30 p.m. ..Groups

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

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

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

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

"Daily Personal Prayer"

Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor, Motley Free Methodist

Mark 1:35 is used often to support personal prayer time that is intentional, void of distractions, and interruptions. It tells of Jesus spending "alone time" with God. It says, "Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up and slipped out to a solitary place to ray."

We need our own prayer time. We need our "alone time" where it is just "me and God" and nothing else. I am more convinced than ever before, that there's no way any of us can reach our full spiritual potential as Christian men and women without developing an intentional, strong, deep life of daily personal prayer.

Your relationship with God is dependent upon how much and how well you are willing to pray. Am I truly convinced that there is power in my prayers? Or am i just praying out of a sense of duty? Have I just considered

prayer as a one-sided conversation where I "ask God for stuff?"

Have I ever thought of prayer as an intimate conversation and do I honestly expect God to "show up" to meet with me? Psalm 145:18, "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Jeremiah 29:12. "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

Will you take a moment to reevaluate your prayer life? Do you find yourself doing more "asking" than "Seeking and listening?" Do you keep a prayer list or perhaps a journal?

Whatever your method, seek to do it more... to include more... to remember others and your Church more. Sacrifice more time and seek the face of God in prayer. And, if necessary, like Jesus, get up early, while it is still dark, to find that solitary place.

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Decedent

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It is Ordered and Notice is given that on December 23, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 221 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing.

Dated: November 13, 2019

BY THE COURT
Daniel Benson,
Judge of District Court

Rhonda Bot,
Court Administrator/
Deputy Court Administrator

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Staples Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #11
OCT. 21, 2019
6:00 p.m.
District Office
MINUTES

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order with Longbella, Winkels, Frisk, Freeman, Anderson and Lund present (comprising a quorum). Also present: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Johnson, Regan and Schmidt; approximately 20 students, staff and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to add agenda item #7. MC
Motion by Freeman, seconded by Longbella, to adopt the agenda. MC
Motion by Freeman, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC
Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Resolution to Accept Donations and grants in the amount of \$13,381.81. MC
Finance
Financial Report - the auditors will be in the district office Oct. 23-25.
Motion by Anderson, seconded by Freeman, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC
Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the CIS credit reimbursement request from Lorna Birkholtz; \$2,915.22. MC
Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to approve the recommendation to move forward with the design development phase of Elem. and HS projects as proposed by LHB. MC
Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to negotiate an hourly or monthly billing system for Community Center use; based on pool and gym use; beginning Jan. 1, 2020.
Some discussion followed, with City Administrator, Jerel Nelsen asking the Board to go with the original date of July 1, 2020.
Freeman stated that the Finance Committee has previously met and has made several recommendations to the Board.
Upon a show of hands - Voting in favor: Anderson,

Freeman, Frisk and Winkels.
Opposed: Longbella and Lund. MC
The district will pay out the lease amount for July 1, 2019 -Dec. 31,2019 and a schedule of Community-Center usage will be created.
Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the recommendation by administration to move forward with expanding contracted time with the City of Staples for School Resource Officer. MC
Officer time will be tracked and the district will assess and plan accordingly. For this contract period any additional time over the current agreement, will be billed separately.
With the addition of grades 5-7 at the HS it warrants the increase of Staples SRO time.
Curriculum and Other
Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to approve the Fundraiser Application request from Deb Otteson; MS Fundraiser. MC
Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to approve two Fundraiser Application requests from Renee Kroll; Elementary PTC. MC
Motion by Freeman, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Facility Use Application. MC
Presentation of the 2019-2020 Staples-Motley Curriculum Council Plan of Action (Information only - no action needed)
Reports:
Principals - Written reports included in the Board packets; all indicated things are going well in their buildings and that conferences had gone well. The elementary held a book fair and the great coat giveaway.
Blake Boran gave an update on fall sports as they move into conference, section and state events.
Superintendent Tappe reported that enrollment is down this fall; Support Staff Negotiations have begun; a Farm to School committee and plans are being made to include FFA, ProStart, CLC and LHS; a blender for smoothies will be purchased with a \$1,500 SHIP grant; there has been some outside interest in leasing space in the Motley building.
Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. MC

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING #12 NOV. 4, 2019 6:00 p.m. District Office MINUTES
Call to Order
The meeting was called to order with Longbella, Winkels, Lund, Anderson and Frisk present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Regan and Schmidt; several students and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to adopt the agenda. MC
Facilities
Supt. Tappe gave an update and timeline for the HVAC project.
•An agreement will be presented to the Board at a later date when the scope of the project is finalized.
•A new update will be given on Nov. 18.
•LHB will be present at the Dec. 2 Work Session to give an update on sequential projects and have firm numbers.
•Mid-February - bid approval.
•Construction to begin on May 26.
Assessments
Deb Ferdon shared assessment and trend data with the Board.
•MCA data shows accountability - SMHS is well above the state graduation rate average.
•Improved attendance rate is a goal of SSW and Counselor and they are working on consistent policies and better communication regarding the importance of school attendance.
•SM has seen inconsistencies in reading and math; but is more consistently close to the state average in Science.
•NWEA tracks spring to spring growth.
Adjournment
Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 29, 2014
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$156,253.70
MORTGAGOR(S): Darrel L. McFedries and Dianna L. McFedries, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 8, 2014 as Document Number 491042 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots Forty-six (46) and Forty-seven (47), Block Eight (8), Sylvan Shores South, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Todd County, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 28649 OTTAWA DRIVE, BROWERVILLE, MN 56438
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$148,467.01
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 08-0162900 and 08-0162800
TRANSACTION AGENT’S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM.
PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff’s Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on March 19, 2020.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORT-

GAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: McFedries, Darrel L. and McFedries, Dianna L.

Dated: July 25, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the mortgage foreclosure sale referred to in the foregoing Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed to:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m
PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff’s Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 21, 2020.

Dated: September 23, 2019

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the mortgage foreclosure sale referred to in the foregoing Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed to:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m
PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff’s Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on August 27, 2020.

Dated: November 22, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
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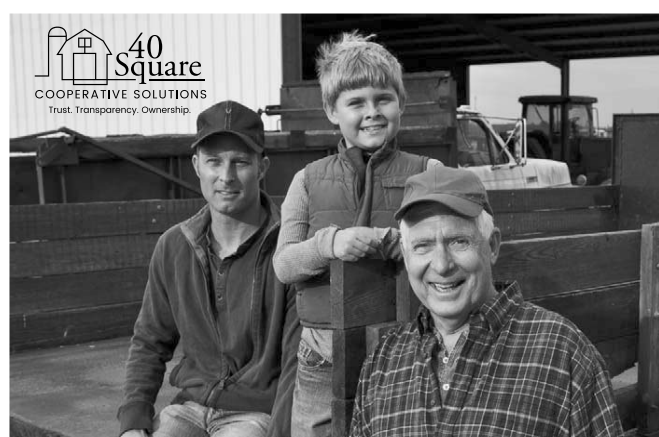
Arts and crafts overview

The Staples Community Center was full, booth wise as well as with many shoppers for the annual Staples Parks & Rec. sponsored Art and Craft Sale held Nov. 23. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Lunch booth by '93 Lions

Among many goodies offered at various booths, lunch was offered by members of the Staples '93 Lions. Taking their shift above, left to right: Bev Dolezal, Amy Leidenfrost, Janet Opheim, Mary Kobiska and Rita Stone.



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Songs of Thanksgiving

Several hymns were sung during the Community Thanksgiving Service at the Staples Church of Christ Nov. 24, including the closing song, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come." The service also included scripture/prayer led by host Pastor Barry Klein; scripture reading by Pastor Carl Larson of Faith Lutheran Church in Staples; a message from Pastor Don Reigstad of Lincoln Evangelical Free Church; and information about C.A.R.E. ministry shared by Pastor Roy Miles of Staples Assembly of God Church, for which the offering was taken that evening. Below, a quartet, accompanied by Sandy Paskewitz, shares the song, "Thanks to Calvary." From left are Nancy and Pat Quance, Kim Foote, and Dean Klebs. Barba Best (not pictured) shared the song, "Thanks to God for My Redeemer." (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Fellowship time

People enjoyed cookies, coffee and conversation following the Community Thanksgiving Service held at the Staples Church of Christ Nov. 24. Pictured, from left, are Joan Hamann, Marilyn Hall, Pastor Barry Klein (standing) of Staples Church of Christ; Pastor Carl Larson of Faith Lutheran Church; Bob Hamann; Rose Hoemberg. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Spandl returns to the place that inspired him

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Band

"It feels awesome to be back," said Dan Spandl, a 2014 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, now serving as band director at his alma mater.

Spandl teaches and leads the Fifth and Sixth Grade Band; the Seventh and Eighth Grade Band; Concert Band (ninth grade) and Symphonic Band (grades 10 - 12). It's his second year of teaching. Last year, he led both band and choir at a school in Sisseton, S.D.

He's looking forward to getting to know the students at Staples-Motley, and has been working on learning all of their names. Spandl hopes to inspire the students in his bands the same way his high school director, Jeff Iverson, inspired him a few years back. It was under Iverson's guidance that Spandl first excelled at playing the euphonium; and later decided to follow in his mentor's shoes by studying music at Concordia. Little

did he know that one day he would follow Iverson's footsteps all the way back to the bandroom at Staples-Motley...taking on the role of director that "Ivy" (now retired) once held.

Spandl adds that *all* of his music teachers at Staples-Motley were a big influence on his life. In addition to Iverson, he credits former orchestra director John Koopmann, and former choir director Steve Hoemberg as having been inspirations to him during his middle and high school years. "They didn't give up on me," Spandl said, adding that he didn't get the best grades early on, but they could see past that to his potential as a musician. They knew he'd be fine, he just needed a little more time.

He hopes to be inclusive of everyone in his classes, just like his predecessors were, Spandl said.

Spandl went on to share that he always appreciated the way Iverson, Hoemberg and Koopmann worked together in the music department at Staples-

Motley. "They were a team back then, and that's what we are doing now. We're a team."

Upcoming events

Still to come on the Cardinal Music calendar are the following:

- A Cappella Choir will participate in the Community Christmas Concert Saturday, Dec. 7, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. In collaboration with Staples-Area Men's Chorus and Staples Area Women's Chorus.

- Christmas Concerts - Thursday, Dec. 12, middle school and high school; and Monday, Dec. 16, high school only.

- Concert March 16, a collaboration with the Central Boys Choir and Colla Voce Girls Choir.

- High School Musical, 'Seusical the Musical,' April 24, 25 and 26. Matthew R. Olsen will be back as artistic director; with Nathan Thelen directing vocals and Kristina Haataja and Dan Spandl helping with the pit orchestra.



Cobbers turned Cardinals

The music directors at Staples-Motley are all graduates of Concordia College in Moorhead, having attended there at approximately the same time. Pictured, from left, are Choir Director Nathan Thelen; Band Director Dan Spandl; and Orchestra Director Kristina

Haataja. Also pictured at the piano is 'Niblet,' a tiny Cobber mascot. The three directors are excited for the opportunity to be working together again, leading the Cardinal music program. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Warming up

Both the orchestra and band programs at Staples-Motley have new directors this year. Pictured above, Orchestra Director Kristina Haataja leads seventh

and eighth grade orchestra students in warm-up exercises. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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Congratulations to these 5-Star employees

Left to right: Lori Kyar, Shelby Rakow-Batters, Cherish Sullivan-Velarde and Debbie Foster

Lori Kyar, Universal Worker and Shelby Rakow-Batters, Universal Worker, Senior Housing
Nominated by Jacque Bartczak, "When passing meds these staff members noted that there was a discrepancy in the medication bubble packs for the tenants. Rather than assuming that the bubble pack was the correct dose they contacted the nurse and discovered that there was an error in the pharmacy packaging. This was a great catch in preventing harm to any tenants."

Cherish Sullivan-Velarde CRA, Care Center
Nominated anonymously, "Cherish is a breath of fresh air to the Care Center. She is wonderful to our residents and they all really like her. Cherish is willing to help any of her coworkers or the residents, she is an amazing team player. We are very fortunate to have someone like Cherish on our team. The residents get the care that they need. Cherish is so positive and that is very important in this line of work."

Debbie Foster, Administration Assistant, Home Health / Hospice
Nominated by Marlene Pogreba, "Debbie consistently models a team player disposition; she is always there for her department, LHS and our patients. There was one week this summer when it was Debbie alone in the office, due to a staffing shortage, and it happened to be an extra busy week. Debbie continued to show a grateful spirit, despite a challenging week. I see Debbie continually make personal sacrifices on behalf of LHS and others. Debbie is dependable, hardworking and a team player."

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Making a joyful noise

The African Children's Choir from Uganda performed their 'Just as I Am' program at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples Nov. 22, sharing songs of hope, faith and joy to a full house. Ranging in age from eight - 11, the children sang, danced and played drums with gusto, interspersing testimonials along the way. Although they hail from situations of extreme poverty, the children's message was one of thankfulness no matter the circumstances, and that God loves them just as they are. According to information at their website, www.

africanchildrenschoir.com, "The primary goal of the African Children's Choir is to raise awareness of the needs of destitute children in Africa and to raise funds for continued development and support of the African Children's Choir programs. The choir's international educational endeavor provides unique training for the children. Once choir members have completed a concert tour, they will return back to their homeland with the tools necessary for bettering their future." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)