

Community Service Awards announced

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation has named the recipients of their thirteenth annual Outstanding Community Service Awards.

The recipients will be honored in a celebration at Ted & Gen's, Aldrich, on Oct. 13. Tickets are available at First International Bank & Trust and Unity Bank in Staples and Motley; Markus Hair Design, Motley; Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd.; Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Staples True Value and Staples World.

- Award recipients are:
- Mike Matanich - Duane R. Lund Award for Lifetime Achievement, awarded posthumously.
 - Mary Sperley - Outstanding Citizen.
 - Scott Braith - Chairman's Award.
 - Lakewood Physicians - Outstanding Organization.
 - Staples Curves - Outstanding Business.
 - Jordan Haglin - Outstanding Youth.

These articles about the recipients were written by committee or community members.

Duane R. Lund Award for Lifetime Achievement

MIKE MATANICH

Michael "Mike" Matanich was the man more than any one other person responsible for Staples being the site of a college campus. Matanich served as director of the Staples Area Vocational Technical Institute for 22 years, beginning in 1959. Prior to that, he had worked as a machine shop instructor at Staples High



Mike Matanich

School, beginning in 1951. In 1959, when the state AVTI program was getting started, state education officials asked him to become director of one of their new vocational schools. He accepted, but insisted that the school's location be in Staples.

Mike was born in Virginia and grew up on the Iron Range. He served in World War II in the U.S. Army Air Force. He died on Jan. 23, 2002, at the age of 84.

Duane Lund, long time superintendent of schools in Staples, said that Mike had a tremendous gift for getting people to contribute to the school. Lund recalled while serving as a U.S. Senate staffer in Washington, D.C., getting a call from Mike. He had heard of the government "moth-balling" or storing a huge number of surplus World War II era machine tools.

"They were being stored in warehouses, but some were stored even in caves and other underground installations," Lund said. "Mike had a vision and we had legislation written making these machines



Mary Sperley

available for education."

A few years later, when Lund had returned to Staples as superintendent, he and Mike went back to Washington to acquire the first machines for the new AVTI.

The Staples AVTI started out with three programs: Machine Shop, Tool Design and Production Agriculture. In 1981, when Mike retired, there were two campuses and 21 courses. Since then, the AVTI's have evolved, first into a state-owned technical college system and later into a community college system, eventually becoming Central Lakes College.

Mike hired many of the instructors for the AVTI and recruited many of the students who graduated from the programs. Many of those people later either started their own businesses or moved businesses to Staples - one reason why there are numerous machine shops and related businesses located in and around Staples.

"Mike definitely had a role in bringing new industry into the community," Lund said when



Scott Braith

Mike retired. "The confidence they had in Mike I'm sure made the difference in their coming here or going somewhere else."

After retiring, he stayed involved in vocational education by writing curriculum. He served as a construction supervisor and inspector for the school district when the AVTI North Campus was remodeled and expanded, and he provided similar services on several other building projects around the area.

Excerpted from the Staples World, Jan. 31, 2002.

Mike was nominated by Ken Klose.

Outstanding Citizen

MARY SPERLEY

"Wherever you go, you represent the school, your community, your family. Leave it a better place than when you came."

Mary Sperley remembers those words from Dr. Duane Lund, superintendent of the Staples School District.

She still lives by those words, but it hasn't been difficult. She's lived them all her life. Her friends at



Jordan Haglin

Faith Lutheran Church, at the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, at REAM (Retired Educators Association of Minnesota) at Living Legacy Gardens, at the Motley Historical Society, her coworkers at the Staples Public Library and many others in the community can all attest that they are better because she has touched their lives.

Mary was born and raised in Staples. While attending Concordia College, Moorhead, she changed her major from math and science to elementary education because she didn't want to be limited; she wanted to teach everything. She taught in St. Paul for 16 years, helping design the building and the curriculum for East Consolidated School.

When she moved back to Staples in 1987, she was done teaching, tired of the paperwork. Jack Nelson, then principal at Staples Elementary, lured her back and she taught until her retirement in 2000.

One of her favorite student stories is about Charlie Martin, now a suc-

cessful artist and monument designer. He told her that he "became an artist because you let me do things in the classroom." She enjoys connecting with students on Facebook, getting updates on their lives.

Working at the Staples Public Library for the past 16 years has been her "dream job" because of her co-workers and all the patrons who come in.

One of Mary's most satisfying projects has been her work with Dr. David Freeman and others at Faith Lutheran Church preparing and serving the annual Thanksgiving Dinners.

"It's the best group of volunteers," she said and noted they come back year after year. The meal is served family style because "It's important for people to know how it feels to sit at a table and visit with each other. This is time for family."

She feels this so strongly that she's been known to confiscate phones. She also involves her Amish friends in the pie making.

The church benefits from Mary's volunteer time and resources, as does Living Legacy Gardens and the arts council, where she currently serves as president. Her nomination by her library coworkers noted many other instances where she continues to make the community "a better place."

Chairman's Award

SCOTT BRAITH

Growing up in Staples, Scott Braith spent many

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Five-year-old girl found dead in rural Motley

A 25-year-old Coon Rapids man has been charged with murdering, kidnapping and sexually assaulting his friend's five-year-old daughter, Alayna Jeanne Ertl of Watkins. The girl was found dead Aug. 20, in the Wilderness Park area north of Motley.

Cass County Attorney Christopher Strandlie reported Aug. 23, that Zachary Todd Anderson has been charged with second degree intentional murder, first degree criminal sexual conduct, kidnapping; and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

The criminal complaint alleges that Anderson abducted the girl and stole a 2002 GMC pick-up from her family's home in Meeker County prior to 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 20. The vehicle was discovered located at a cabin owned by Anderson's family approximately three miles east of Leader in rural Cass County. Anderson was located and arrested in a swamp a short distance away. He subsequently led officers to a different area of the swamp where he

Suspect charged with murder, sexual assault



Alayna Ertl

said the girl's body could be located under some debris.

Law enforcement officials ultimately discovered the victim submerged in knee deep water and covered by brush and other debris. A preliminary autopsy ruled the cause of death to be homicidal violence due to strangulation and blunt force trauma. The medical examiner also found evidence of a sexual assault perpetrated upon the victim.

According to an earlier press release from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Alayna was last seen at approximately 2 a.m., when she had been put to bed. Her parents, Matt and Kayla Ertl, discovered she was missing at 8 a.m., as was Anderson, who had spent the night at their home. They also discovered that Matt Ertl's white GMC Sierra work truck was missing, along



Wilderness Park crime scene

Crime scene tape marked the property at Iroquois Loop Trail SW in rural Motley, where the murdered body of five-year-old Alayna Ertl was discovered Aug. 20. Zachary Todd Anderson, 25, has been charged in her death. A white cross (pictured at top right) has since been placed at the property, owned by Anderson's family. In addition, a memorial sign which reads, 'RIP, 2010 - 2016, "A Life Gone too Soon"' has been erected; and a few stuffed animals have been tied to nearby trees in memory of Alayna. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Zachary Todd Anderson

with his cell phone.

Other details included in the criminal complaint note that on Aug. 19, Anderson and Alayna's father had played softball. After the game, the two had gone out with friends. Matt Ertl had arrived home at approximately 2:30 a.m. and Anderson arrived there between 3:30 and 3:45 a.m. The two visited until 4 a.m. and the father retired for the evening. Kayla Ertl advised officers that the last time that she had physically seen Alayna was at approximately 2:30 a.m. in her bedroom. She had fallen asleep on the couch earlier and Kayla Ertl carried her to her room at that time. She was wearing underwear and was sleeping with a pink Princess Elsa blanket from the Disney movie, "Frozen."

Alayna was discovered missing at approximately 8:30 a.m.; and the Meeker County Sheriff's Office was contacted at approximately 9:56 a.m.

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Variety of events key at Railroad Days

There will be music in abundance during Railroad Days in Staples Aug. 25 - 28. In addition to the Little Red Caboose Variety Show, be sure to take in the outdoor concert and street dance featuring the music of Sell Out Stereo; and a gospel concert at Centennial Auditorium with recording artist Kayla Bailey. The Staples Sings Contest is back; and local band Aitas will take the downtown stage as well.

Other highlights of the week-

end include a car show, chili cook-off, fireworks, parade and more.

The following is a list of activities as known at press time.

Each day

Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union offers their medallion hunt with a \$500 cash prize. Clues are posted each day on the credit union's website at www.mnfcu.org and at the Staples branch.

Sacred Heart Area School will

hold their 10th annual rummage sale 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

City-wide garage sales are going on at various times. Check the Staples World for a complete list.

Various businesses will have sidewalk sales Friday and Saturday.

England Prairie Days, south of Verndale, are Friday and Saturday.

Thursday, Aug. 25

"Golf for Kids," sponsored by the Lakewood Health System Foundation, takes place at The Vintage in Staples. All proceeds will go towards health and wellness programs for kids.

The Little Red Caboose Variety Show is back with new acts and some old favorites at 7 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium. Proceeds See **RAILROAD DAYS** on page 9a



Kruzin 4 Kidz cycle rally

A light rain didn't stop hundreds of motorcyclists from rolling into Staples Aug. 20 for the Kruzin 4 Kids Motor-cycle Rally. The event, organized by the Wadena Elks Lodge raises funds for Adopt-A-Wish and Make-A-Wish pro-

grams for kids. This past year, the organization raised \$65,000, enough to grant the wishes of ten children. To date, they have raised \$250,000 for 37 children in the area. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)



Two-vehicle crash in Motley

Motley Police Chief Ron Smith responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Hwys 10 and 210 in Motley Aug. 22, at approximately 4:30 p.m. There were no known injuries. Chief Smith said that a woman driving an SUV was headed east on Hwy 10 and attempted to turn left onto Hwy 210 when

she hit a vehicle headed west on Hwy 10. Both drivers had green lights. According to Smith, the driver of the SUV said her dog jumped up onto her lap, causing her to hit the other vehicle. There were no known injuries. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Investigation continues; anyone who may have seen Anderson is asked to call law enforcement

Meeker County Sheriff's Office deputies conducted a neighborhood canvass for Alayna that morning. They also contacted the family's cell phone provider to try to locate the whereabouts of Anderson.

When Alayna was not located during the canvass, the Meeker County Sheriff's Office contacted the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to request assistance with the investigation. BCA agents and sheriff's deputies canvassed the area, knocking on neighborhood doors and checking video surveillance images from local businesses. Not finding any sign of Alayna or Anderson through these efforts, an AMBER alert was issued at 1:12 p.m.

At approximately 1:58 p.m., the Cass County Sheriff's Office dispatch center was contacted by Anderson's father who said he believed his son was the subject of an AMBER alert that had been sent out statewide. He stated that his son had called earlier in the day and wanted to have permission to go to the family's cabin at 4926 Iroquois Loop Trail SW in Motley, located in the Wilderness Park Homeowners Association in Meadowbrook Township. Anderson's father gave officers permission to enter his property and residence to aid in their search.

Cass County Sheriff's Office Deputies Ratz and Collette were in the area and proceeded to the residence. Upon arrival, Deputy Ratz observed the white roof of a truck visible in a ravine and confirmed it was the stolen truck reported from Meeker County.

No one was inside the vehicle or a cabin on the property. However, on the kitchen table, officers observed a single shot

20 gauge shot gun with multiple 20 gauge rounds spilled about. Officers also observed numerous 12 gauge rounds but no 12 gauge shot gun. Also on the table was an apparent suicide note with apparent blood on the upper corner. The keys for the stolen truck were also on the table.

Additional law enforcement responded to the property and Anderson was located at approximately 4:24 p.m. by K-9 officers (including Deputy Bill Conner and K-9 Yankee) about a quarter mile from the cabin, in knee deep water in a swampy, wooded area. Officers observed that there were fresh lacerations to Anderson's left wrist. Anderson did not attempt to flee, he did not have a weapon and did not resist arrest.

Information provided by Anderson as well as additional investigative efforts led law enforcement to Alayna's remains in a swampy wooded area a few hundred yards from the cabin. Her deceased, naked body was discovered completely submerged in the water and hidden under some brush and other debris.

An autopsy was performed on Alayna. Initial findings indicate that the cause of death was homicidal violence due to strangulation with other evidence of blunt force trauma to the victim's head. The forensic examination of the victim also revealed evidence of a sexual assault including sexual penetration.

Due to the lack of space available at the Cass County Jail, Anderson was transported to the Crow Wing County Jail, held on suspicion of first-degree murder and kidnapping charges.

Further investigation revealed that Anderson was observed at approximately 8:30 a.m. at a convenience store in Browerville. He entered the store alone and purchased a bottle of water. He was wearing

a softball type uniform. Subsequently, he appears in video surveillance obtained from a common clubhouse at Wilderness Park, dressed in the same attire. During the search warrant at the Anderson family's cabin, officers discovered wet clothing that was consistent to the clothing observed in the video.

This remains an active and ongoing investigation. Law enforcement asks that anyone who encountered Anderson or the stolen vehicle Aug. 20, to call 320-693-5400.

For five felony charges, Anderson faces maximum sentences of 40 years for second degree murder; 30 years for first degree criminal sexual conduct and a \$40,000 fine; 40 years for kidnapping to facilitate felony or flight and a \$50,000 fine; 40 years for kidnapping to commit great bodily harm/terrorize and a \$50,000 fine; and five years and a \$10,000 fine for theft of a motor vehicle.

The presiding judge set bail at \$2 million without conditions and \$1 million with conditions. Anderson's next court appearance is scheduled for Oct. 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Family members spoke with 5 Eyewitness News Aug. 22, sharing emotional memories of the little brown-eyed girl who had brought so much joy to so many during her short time on earth.

"We called her our little peanut," Alayna's mom, Kayla, said, holding tight to a couple of stuffed toys that most likely belonged to her daughter. "She was loved by many and always had a smile on her face and a hug for anybody."

Kayla's dad, with tears in his eyes, said, "She was a happy little girl. She will be missed."

Both sets of grandparents, Jeff and Mary Welle; and Rick and Kim Ertl, shared teary thoughts as well during the news segment.

"She was a princess, our princess...she loved to sing 'Frozen' and 'Let it Go,'" Mary Welle recalled. Grandpa Jeff Welle described how Alayna would dress up and dance around in her special outfits. "She was a little angel."

A funeral for Alayna is set for Friday, Aug. 26, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Watkins. An 'Alayna Ertl Memorial Fund' has been set up at www.gofundme.com.

STAPLES



RAILROAD DAYS

AUGUST 25 - 28, 2016

EACH DAY

Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union
- Medallion Hunt - All Week

City Wide Garage Sales

England Prairie Days - South of Verndale

10th Annual Sacred Heart Church Rummage Sale
9am-6pm

THURSDAY AUGUST 25

Lakewood Health System
Golf Classic - Vintage Golf Course

Staples Variety Show 7pm
Centennial Auditorium sponsored by Staples
Motley Area Community Foundation & Lakeland
Public Television

FRIDAY AUGUST 26

Field Day - Ag Center 9am - 2:30pm

Ice Cream Social Fund Raiser 2-4pm
- Living Legacy Gardens

Rib Fest 4-7pm - Jon's parking lot

Twisted Sister's Car Show 5-10pm

Sidewalk Sales

Fireworks 9:30pm - Airport

SUNDAY AUGUST 28

Family Fun Day Softball Tournament 9:00am till done
- Dower Lake

Wayne Renn Concert 4pm-7pm
- Old Lincoln Model School, Southside of Staples

SM Cardinal Classic
- 7:30am start - Vintage Golf Course

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 8-10:30am
- Trinity Lutheran Church

Kinship RR Days 5k Walk/Run & Jr Dash
- 8:30am start at Staples Alliance Church

Arts & Craft Sale 9am-4pm
- 4th St & 2nd Ave

Railroad Days Car Show 9am-2pm
- North Elementary School
sponsored by NAPA & Staples Area Women of Today

Sidewalk Sales and Kids Games

CT Pedal Pull 10am registration - ACE Hardware

Lefty's Softball Association
Bean Bag Tournament 10am-2pm - Lefty's

Staples Sings Contest - MN Sings 12-1pm
- 4th street stage

SM Chamber of Commerce Beer Garden 11am-6pm

Chili Cook Off 11:30am-1pm - 4th Street

Farmers Market 10am-1pm
located by Staples All Veteran's Park

HALCYON HELICOPTER RIDES 10am - dusk

Penny Auction 10am-2pm
- Congregational Church

AITAS 1-3pm - 4th Street stage

LA Pig Races 1-2pm & 3-4pm
- Parking lot by Sacred Heart

The Music General Dancers 3:30pm
- 4th Street stage

Hair Braiding - R Salon

Parade 5pm - 2nd Ave to 11th St

FREE Corn Feed after parade
- Alliance Church

Kayla Bailey Gospel Concert Centennial Auditorium 7pm
- Sponsored by Ministerial Association

Friends of the Library Root Beer Floats 9am-4pm

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EARLY DEADLINES

Due to Labor Day the deadline for the Sept. 8 Staples World is

Friday, Sept. 2 at 5 p.m.

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AUGUST 31st

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5:00-7:00 pm

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‘United for Blue’ Candlelight Vigil



The balloons arrive for the ‘police party’

Police wives and United For Blue Candlelight Vigil organizers Tina Maros and Jackie Goff bring balloons for the “balloon release” that was held after the ‘moment of silence’ during the candlelight vigil. Alisha Winter was also one of the organizers. “It was a great community response for the first year,” said Maros. “It’s something the wives and I talked about doing every year. Some of the people in the community asked what they can do to help next year, so we I would say the community response was awesome.” (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



My superhero wears a badge

Many of the kids attending the United For Blue Candlelight Vigil wore Superman or Batman t-shirts, honoring the themes of the event, “my superhero wears a badge.” (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Staples Lions clubs show support

Staples Host Lions and Staples ‘93 Lions presented a plaque of appreciation to the Staples Police Dept. on Aug. 22. Accepting the plaque is Staples Police Sergeant Ron Case. The plaque reads: “We thank you for your devotion, dedication and hard work. You are an important part of our community.” Tom Honek, Staples Host Lions and Joann Schornack, Staples ‘93 Lions made the presentation. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Honoring law enforcement in the twilight

In the fading evening light, the United For Blue Candlelight Vigil made a silhouette on the Staples overpass. Several passing motorists along Hwy. 10 noticed the gathering and honked in support as well. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Officers enjoying crowd control

Law enforcement from Staples, Motley, Verndale, Todd and Wadena County mingled with the crowd on the overpass at the candlelight vigil held Aug. 19. “It was great to see the officers come up and interact with everybody,” said event organizer Tina Maros. “It was good to see different groups come so they could see that the community supports them and said thank you to them.” (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Honoring local law enforcement

Employees of Mid Central Federal Savings Bank in Staples wore blue Aug. 19, honoring local and county law enforcement officers. The office placed thanks in the window naming all the Staples and Motley police officers, along with a sign for Todd and Wadena County Sheriff’s departments. Included in the photo is Staples Police officer Josiah Fuhrman. MCF employees, from left, Sharon Wutzke, Kelsey Zetah, Marcia Kostrzewski, Missy Shriver, Mary Kobliska (kneeling) and Sonya Cowles. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Hospital district elections Nov. 8

The United Hospital District, which oversees Lakewood Health System, has eight candidates vying for the seven board seats open. Poplar Township in Cass County had two candidates who filed. Donald Sirucek and Susan Bartels filed for the Poplar Township seats. The elections will be part of the Nov. 8 General Election. Other filings were: • Billy Haehnel, Meadowbrook Township • Barbara Peterson, Villard Township • Robert Mueller, Member at Large • Lana Hansen, City of Motley • Linda Dietrich, Moose Lake Township • Ronald Storbakken, Staples Township

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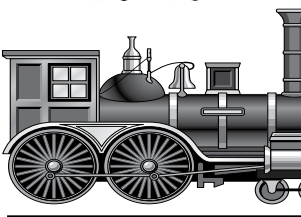
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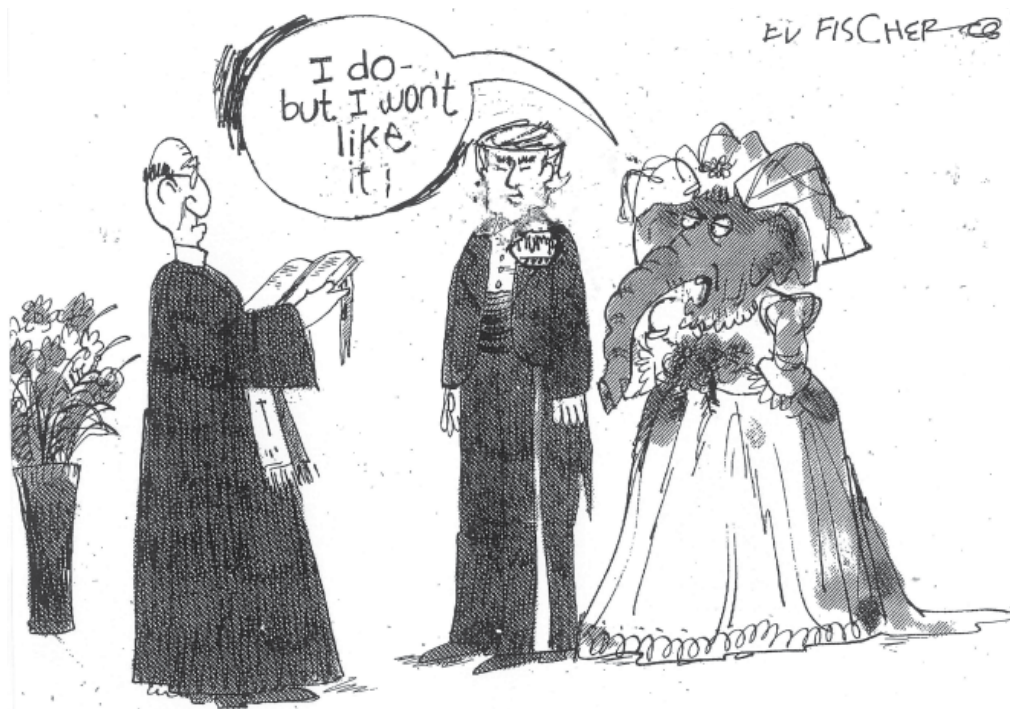
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Polls don't serve the public's interest

By Jeffrey M. McCall

Polls in 1948 indicated Harry Truman had no chance to win the election. He ignored the ominous polls, took off on his whistle stop tour and won the election anyway. Pollsters and pundits were shocked. Americans today would be wise to follow Truman's lead and disregard the swarm of polls dominating the media landscape this year.

Every major broadcast and cable network, and many major newspapers, feel compelled to sponsor their own political polls. But the polling conducted today by news outlets, and even universities, does little to serve the public interest. The polls do, however, serve the branding and marketing interests of the sponsoring organizations.

That financial motivation drives the polling frenzy more than any sense of civic duty. When CNN, FNC or NBC releases periodic poll results, the news channels benefit from having those results reported across the journalistic world, raising the profile of the respective news outlets.

Polls provide journalists with something to report about, fill time and endlessly analyze. That's easier for news organizations than covering real issues and providing election news of substance. Such "horse race" coverage diminishes the process of democracy to the level of a sporting event.

Citizens and political analysts alike have bemoaned the media's poll obsession, but the detached and lazy journalistic world nonetheless pushes ahead with a vacuous election news agenda. A report this summer from Harvard's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy concluded "coverage of the primaries focused on the horse race over the issues to the detriment of candidates and voters alike."

Reporters exaggerate the importance of the slightest fluctuations in their precious poll numbers, looking for false story

lines about momentum or how a random candidate remark might have changed a campaign's polling trajectory. Such hyper-analysis ignores the statistical noise associated with polling. A poll's margin of error, a key factor in any data set, is seldom explained and sometimes not even reported. Maybe that is because most television reporters have minimal understanding of statistical processes.

The media could more easily justify its poll mania if, indeed, the polls proved to be predictive. But polls in the recently completed presidential primary season consistently understated support for Bernie Sanders. Sanders won the Michigan primary despite trailing in the Real Clear Politics average of major polls by more than 20 percentage points.

Polling failed to capture Trump's push into the early GOP primary season. Polls whiffed last year on the Kentucky governor's race. Brexit polls missed the mark in the United Kingdom. None of this is to say that polls are always wrong, but polling inconsistency should prompt journalistic pundits to tamp down on the deluge of polling "news."

A major problem with polling accuracy today is that growing numbers of Americans refuse to have their opinions compiled into some mysterious and ill-defined pollster's data base. The Pew Research Center reports that the response rate for public participation in polls is now just nine percent. The rate was 36 percent just 20 years ago.

Multiple reasons account for this decline. Fewer people have landline phones. Caller ID allows people to ignore calls from numbers they suspect as nuisance calls. Citizens are more prone to keep their opinions private in an era of polarization and fear of the establishment.

The bottom line is that it is harder for even the brightest statisticians to verify that people who are

willing to answer pollsters' questions are representative of the people who aren't.

Then there is the matter of whether polls simply reflect public sentiment or play a role in pushing citizen opinion.

NBC pollster Peter Hart argued at a Harvard seminar last winter that poll results don't sway public views. Given the polling misses evident in recent history, that claim is plausible.

Common sense and human nature, however, suggest otherwise. There is a reason why winning football teams play in front of full stadiums. Casual voters or undecideds could well become bandwagon supporters of a polling leader. This normative effect may influence a mere handful of voters, but that would be enough in elections determined by small margins.

A news media that wants to serve the public should focus coverage on issues and candidate qualifications. The only essential poll that demands a place on the news agenda is the one taken on election day, when the voters speak through their ballots.

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Into the future

Technology trends could predict where we are going

By Udo Gollub
Messe Berlin, Germany

I just went to the Singularity University summit. Here are the key points I gathered.

• **Rise and Fall:** In 1998, Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85 percent of all photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years, their business model disappeared and they were bankrupt. What happened to Kodak will happen in a lot of industries in the next 10 years – and most people don't see it coming. Did you think in 1998 that three years later you would never take pictures on paper film again?

Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels, but followed Moore's law. So as with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a long time, before it became superior and mainstream in only a few short years. This will now happen with Artificial Intelligence, health, self-driving and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs.

Welcome to the 4th Industrial Revolution. Welcome to the Exponential Age. Software and operating platforms will disrupt most traditional industries in the next five-ten years.

Uber is just a software tool. They don't own any cars, but they are now the biggest taxi company in the world. Airbnb is the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties.

• **Artificial Intelligence:** Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected. In the U.S., young lawyers already don't get jobs. Because of IBM Watson, you can get legal advice, (so far for more or less basic stuff), within seconds. With 90 percent accuracy, compared with 70 percent accuracy when done by humans. So if you are studying law, stop immediately. There will be 90 percent fewer generalist lawyers in the future; only specialists will be needed.

'Watson' already helps nurses diagnose cancer, four times more accurately than doctors. Facebook now has pattern recogni-

tion software that can recognize faces better than humans. By 2030, computers will have become 'more intelligent' than humans.

• **Cars:** In 2018 the first self driving cars will be offered to the public. Around 2020, the complete industry will start to be disrupted. You don't want to own a car anymore. You will call a car on your phone; it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination. You will not need to park it, you only pay for the driven distance and you can be productive whilst driving. Our kids will never get a driver's licence and will never own a car. It will change the cities, because we will need 90-95 percent fewer cars for our future needs. We can transform former parking spaces into parks. At present, 1.2 million people die each year in car accidents worldwide. We now have one accident every 100,000 kms. With autonomous driving, that will drop to one accident in 10 million km. That will save a million lives each year.

Electric cars will become mainstream around and after 2020. Cities will be cleaner and much less noisy because all cars will run on electricity, which will become much cheaper.

Most traditional car companies may become bankrupt by taking the evolutionary approach and just building better cars; while tech companies (Tesla, Apple, Google) will take the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels. I spoke to a lot of engineers from Volkswagen and Audi. They are terrified of Tesla.

Insurance companies will have massive trouble, because without accidents, the insurance will become 100 times cheaper. Their car insurance business model will disappear.

Real estate values based on proximities to workplaces, schools, etc. will change, because if you can work effectively from anywhere or be productive while you commute, people will move out of cities to live in a more rural surroundings.

Solar energy production has been on an exponential curve for 30 years, but only now is having a big impact. Last year, more solar energy was installed worldwide than fossil. The price for solar will drop so much that almost all coal mining companies will be out of business by 2025.

• **Water for all:** With cheap electricity comes cheap and abundant water. Desalination now only needs 2kWh per cubic meter. We don't have scarce water in most places; we only have scarce drinking water. Imagine what will be possible if everyone can have as much clean water as they want, for virtually no cost.

• **Health:** The Tricorder X price will be announced this year - a medical device (called the "Tricorder" from Star Trek) that works with your phone, which takes your retina scan, your blood sample and your breath. It then analyzes 54 biomarkers that will identify nearly any diseases. It will be cheap, so in a few years, everyone on this planet will have access to world class, low cost, medicine.

• **3D printing:** The price of the cheapest 3D printer came down from \$18,000 to \$400 within 10 years. In the same time, it became 100 times faster. All major shoe companies started printing 3D shoes. Spare airplane parts are already 3D-printed in remote airports. The space station now has a printer that eliminates the

need for the large amount of spare parts they used to need in the past.

At the end of this year, new smart phones will have 3D scanning possibilities. You can then 3D scan your feet and print your perfect shoe at home. In China, they have already 3D-printed a complete six-story office building. By 2027, 10 percent of everything that's being produced will be 3D-printed.

• **Business opportunities:** If you think of a niche you want to enter, ask yourself: "in the future, do you think we will have that?" And if the answer is yes, then work on how you can make that happen sooner. If it doesn't work via your phone, forget the idea. And any idea that was designed for success in the 20th century is probably doomed to fail in the 21st century.

• **Work:** Seventy-eighty percent of jobs will disappear in the next 20 years. There will be a lot of new jobs, but it is not clear that there will be enough new jobs in such a short time.

• **Agriculture:** There will be a \$100 agricultural robot in the future. Farmers in Third World countries can become managers of their fields instead of working in them all day. Aeroponics will need much less water. The first veal produced in a petri dish is now available. It will be cheaper than cow-produced veal in 2018. Right now, 30 percent of all agricultural surfaces are used for rearing cattle. Imagine if we don't need that space anymore. There are several start-ups which will bring insect protein to the market shortly. It contains more protein than meat. It will be labelled as "alternative protein source" (because most people still reject the idea of eating insects).

• **Apps:** There's already an app called "moodies" which can tell the mood you are in. By 2020 there will be apps that can tell by your facial expressions if you are lying. Imagine a political debate where we know whether the participants are telling the truth and when not.

• **Currencies:** Many currencies will be abandoned. Bitcoin will become mainstream this year and might even become the future default reserve currency.

• **Longevity:** Right now, the average life span increases by three months per year. Four years ago, the life span was 79 years, now it is 80 years. The increase itself is increasing and by 2036, there will be more than a one-year increase per year. So we all might live for a long, long time, probably way beyond 100.

• **Education:** The cheapest smartphones already sell at \$10 in Africa and Asia. By 2020, 70 percent of all humans will own a smartphone. That means everyone will have much the same access to world class education. Every child can use Khan Academy for everything he needs to learn at schools in First World countries. Further afield, the software has been launched in Indonesia and will be released in Arabic, Swahili and Chinese this summer. The English app will be offered free, so children in Africa can become fluent in English within half a year.

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Bailey's concert brings contemporary gospel

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

It started with Kayla Bailey's music wafting over a church service in Hewitt, which led to a series of churches and community members coming together and now Bailey will perform a gospel concert in Staples on Saturday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

Bailey resides in the Chicago area but is the niece of Wayne Hoffert of Staples. He attends the Church of the Nazarene in Hewitt and one day decided to play some of Bailey's music during offertory.

"The response was so positive, we started look-

ing to see if she would do a concert at the church," said Hoffert.

After talking about it, one of the parishioners advised Hoffert that "this event needs to be in a bigger venue," said Hoffert.

So he started talking to other churches in Staples and after getting some interest, they started looking at an August date. Pastor Barry Klein of the Staples Church of Christ reminded Hoffert that Railroad Days was at the end of August.

Hoffert spoke to Staples Motley Chamber Director Barb Cline. "She told me 'for years I've had a dream to have a Christian concert here,'" said Hoffert.

The final domino fell



Kayla Bailey, left, with her band

while looking for a venue, Wayne asked his wife Coni

how much it would cost to rent Centennial Auditorium, since she had been in charge of scheduling the venue for the past few years.

Hoffert said the chamber and Staples Ministerial helped find sponsors to pay for the event, and now it is ready to go.

Kayla Bailey sings contemporary gospel music. "I would say her music has a soft feel to it; I listened to the words several times and it has such a beautiful content," said Hoffert.

Bailey has a new recently released album that can be found at her web site, kaylabaily.com.

"As far as I know this is the first concert she is doing with the new album,"

said Hoffert.

A kickstarter project raised enough money to release three albums.

"She is working hard, trying to make a living in the music industry," said Hoffert.

Hoffert said her band of three musicians plays guitars and drums, but Bailey also plays the piano and has done concerts with a cello backing her. "I'm not sure what she has planned but she's pretty pumped for it," said Hoffert.

The event will not charge for tickets to the concert. "We have an open door policy, we are going to let people in and enjoy it," said Hoffert.

Local schools' open house dates

Open house schedules for Staples-Motley and Scared Heart schools are:

Staples-Motley High School; Tuesday, August 30 for grades 8-12

Motley-Staples Middle School; for grades 4-7, Wednesday, Aug. 31, 5-7

p.m.

The Motley Family Center will host an open house from 5-7 p.m..

Staples-Motley Elementary School; Thursday, Sept. 1, 4:30-6:30 p.m., a long with the Staples Family

Center open house at the same time.

Sacred Heart Area School; Thursday, Sept. 1. New families orientation at 5:30 p.m. and the back to school potluck meal at 6 p.m.

Community Education seeks classes, events

Staples-Motley Community Education is seeking people to share their talents and expertise by offering classes to the community.

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The fall/winter brochure is being prepared

and will cover programming, classes, events and activities from Oct. 1, 2016, through Mar. 31, 2017. The brochure will be available online in September and printed brochures will be available before Oct. 1.

To set up a class or program call the Community Education office at 218-894-2497 or email Kevin Roline, the director, at kevin.roline@isd2170.k12.mn.us.

The deadline to be included in the brochure is Sept. 1.

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Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

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AL-ANON MTG Thursdays, 8 p.m., Staples United Methodist Church. For info., 218-296-1123.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY - ALCOHOLICS VICTORIOUS MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-640-5679.

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, 5:30 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., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 3:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-3510, ext. 5376.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Thursday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt., 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG sponsored by Tri-County Health Care, first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., TCHC, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 6 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-296-2352.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-632-8733.

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

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUP-

PORT GROUP MTG second Thursday, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Lakewood Health System Senior Campus, Staples. For info., 218-894-8393.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

SENIOR CITIZENS MTG AT LEADER HALL third Tuesday. Potluck lunch, 11:30 a.m.; blood pressures, 11:30 a.m.

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.

STAPLES MOTLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION MTG second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Staples Family Center. For info., 218-894-1897, or smecc@isd2170.k12.mn.us.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG third Thursday, 8 p.m., Church of Christ, Brower-

ville. For info., 320-533-1119.

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

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

August 27

CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH (CMT) MTG Sat., Aug. 27, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Brainerd Public Library, 416 So. 5th St., Brainerd. For info., 612-807-4729.

September 1

CHILD & TEEN CHECK-UP CLINIC sponsored by Todd County Health & Human Services, Thurs., Sept. 1, Staples. For info., and appt., 1-888-838-4066.

WIC NUTRITION EDUCATION/ SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM sponsored by Todd County Health & Human Services, Thurs., Sept. 1, 9 a.m. - noon; and 1 - 5 p.m., Lakewood Health System Sr. Campus, 401 Prairie Ave. NE, Staples. For info., 1-888-838-4066.

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August birthdays and anniversaries

The monthly birthday/anniversary party for the senior citizens was held August 9, in the Senior Citizen's Room at the Staples Community Center. Members celebrating August birthdays are, front left to right: Richard Allen, Phyllis Paskewitz, Iris Floistad and Marilyn Wilson. The anniversary couples are, back: Leila Allen, (husband Richard in front), Neil and Arlene Grover and Jerry and Maryann Riewer. Birthday cakes and cards were given to each honoree. The group was entertained with a humorous reading about modern technology followed by drawings for door prizes. The September Birthday/Anniversary party will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13. Reservations can be made by calling 894-2556 before noon the day before. (Submitted photo)

Operation Round-Up funds CARE Ministry

During their quarterly meeting held in July, the Crow Wing Power Community Trust Board donated \$46,000 to local community programs. The board approved \$1,000 to the CARE Ministry of Staples as part of their Operation Round-up funding. Other donations included: \$2,500; Breath of Life Adult Day Service, Brainerd; \$3,000; Community Care 'Share, Emily; \$500; Pine Center Quilters; \$500; Crosslake Lutheran Church Quilters; \$2,000; Boys & Girls Club (Little Falls site); \$2,000; Lutheran Social Service Senior Nutrition Program, Pine River; \$2,000; Aadzuhman Shrine Club, Brainerd; \$2,500; Crow Wing Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, Brainerd; \$3,000; Youth Food program, Crow Wing County; \$3,000; Fathers Reading Every Day, Fort Ripley; \$2,000; Little Falls Youth Food program; \$500; Brainerd Senior

Dance Group; \$3,000; Pine River/Backus Family Center; \$1,000; Brainerd Rotary Foundation (student program); \$5,000; Brainerd Early Childhood; \$12,000; Crow Wing Energized, Essentia Health, Brainerd (one time impact grant); and \$500; Private Cooperative Member Crisis Medical Support. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2016. Grant forms are available by calling Crow Wing Power at 218-829-2827 or 1-800-648-9401 or at www.cwpower.com. The deadline for grant applications is October 10, 2016. Since Operation Round-Up's inception in late 1996, over \$3 million has been donated to community projects and programs in Cass, Crow Wing and Morrison counties. Operation Round Up is funded by participating members of Crow Wing Power who allow the cooperative to round up their electric bills to the nearest whole dollar. The additional change is pooled and distributed quarterly.

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School supplies for area students

CARE Ministry held a 'Back to School' fair for area students in grades kindergarten - seventh grade at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples Aug. 22. Approximately 110 students were each given a back pack, a grocery bag filled with approximately \$100 worth of supplies, one new outfit, a pair of shoes; and the opportunity to "shop" at the 'Once Was New Room' at the church. In addition, students were offered free haircuts by some local hairdressers; and caregivers were treated to manicures

and pedicures. Healthy snacks were offered as well. A total of 14 area churches volunteered to put the bags of supplies together as well as donating supplies and cash toward the project. Other organizations (including local Lions Clubs) and individuals donated cash as well. This is the third year CARE Ministry has sponsored this event. Pictured above, from left, are CARE Ministry members Sherry Miller Frisk, Jeanne Hajek, Joyce Anderson, Gail Honek. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Helping with school supplies

Staples Host Lions donated \$500 to the Staples-Motley Back to School Fair, which provides backpacks and school supplies for students. Pictured,

Tom Honek, Staples Lions presents a check to organizers Joyce Anderson, Jeanne Hajek and Gail Honek. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

VFW and Auxiliary patriotic essay contests

The Wadena VFW Post 3922 and Auxiliary are sponsoring the annual Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy essay/scholarship contests for students in Bertha-Hewitt, Sebeka, Staples-Motley, Verndale, and Wadena-Deer Creek School Districts. Home-school students are also invited to enter their age-appropriate contest. Entries must be submitted to school contact persons by Tuesday, Oct. 25. The Patriot's Pen essay contest encourages area seventh and eighth grade students to write a 300-400 word essay discussing the topic "The America I Believe In." The top national prize is \$5,000. Local

prizes will also be awarded at each participating school as well as by Post 3922. The Voice of Democracy audio-essay contest is open to students in grades 9-12. Entrants must prepare and record on CD a three-five minute speech on the topic "My Responsibility to America." The top national prize is \$30,000. Local prizes will also be awarded at each participating school as well as by Post 3922. Information and entry forms will be available at local schools; interested persons may also call Ruth Clark at 218-631-1035.

Lakewood Health System recognized by the Minnesota Health Action Group

Lakewood Health System clinics are among 276 Minnesota and border state clinics that were recently recognized by the Minnesota Health Action Group (The Action Group) for delivering optimal care and achieving optimal care measures, or improving specific patient outcomes as part of the 2016 Minnesota Bridges to Excellence program and the Minnesota Quality Incentive Payment System, a State of Minnesota pay-for-performance program that is administered by The Action Group. Lakewood's Browerville clinic was recognized for improving the program's specific clinical outcomes for patients with diabetes and vascular disease

which is known to be a primary driver of healthcare costs. Meeting achievement goals is the highest level of recognition in the program. "We are honored to be recognized for the great work our staff has done to reach or improve upon our goals," said Kimberly Bryniarski, Clinic Quality Improvement Manager for Lakewood Health System. "Our patients are our top priority, so we work diligently to ensure they receive the care they need. Being recognized for doing so is secondary only to the improved health of our patients." The Minnesota Bridges to Excellence program,

which was established by the Minnesota Health Action Group in 2004, and the State's Quality Incentive Payment System implemented in 2011, uses clinical data that is publicly reported to identify clinics that qualify for a reward for meeting or exceeding optimal care standards for a specified percentage of patients with diabetes, vascular disease and depression. "Clinics that receive rewards are doing an exceptional job in caring for their patients and we applaud them for their commitment and results," said Carolyn Pare, president and CEO of The Action Group. "Our aspiration is for all Minnesotans to receive the right care, at the right time and at the right price. This can only be achieved through genuine collaboration on behalf of providers, patients, purchasers and other community stakeholders." To be eligible for a reward, clinics must have a certain percentage of patients at optimal levels of care or significantly increase the number over the previous year. Performance goals are set each year by the Minnesota Health Action Group and the purchasers who fund the rewards. Based in Bloomington, the Minnesota Health Action Group is the only Minnesota organization whose sole purpose is to represent the collective voice of those who pay the bill for health care - employers, public purchasers and individuals.

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Gift of life: Husband receives kidney from wife

Giving and receiving is a part of life and for one couple, their marriage commitment to each other came true in a larger than life way.

Married for 18 years, Bruce and Tammy Hopp of rural Hewitt were at Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis on July 14 to undergo kidney transplant surgery from wife to husband.

As a child Bruce had undergone many trips to the doctor for his limited kidney function. During his teens a virus attacked and damaged both his kidneys. The couple knew that eventually Bruce would need a stronger course of action.

"We just didn't know how soon it would get to that point," Bruce said over the phone Aug. 17.

"Within the last four years I noticed a difference - a lot more tired for one thing," said Bruce. "The past six months it's gotten worse." His kidney function had dropped below 13 percent, a life-threatening condition. "But my doctor said I was good otherwise and suggested that a transplant would be the best option. He did not want me to have to go through dialysis."

A living donor is the best for the recipient, as being placed on a waiting list - even as the Hopps began the process four years ago - can be a lengthy wait. Testing begins with family members as they are usually the best tissue matches. Tammy suggested they start with her. She tested as the same blood type, continuing through the process which determined she was a very close match.

On July 14 the transplant was completed - Tammy's part lasting three to four hours and Bruce's surgery lasting five to six hours.

"In the middle, we got to see each other," said Tammy. "It was so special."



Tammy and Bruce Hopp

Following their recovery period, the couple rented an apartment near the hospital as Bruce needed daily monitoring for any rejection symptoms or complications and to help regulate his necessary medications. Tammy's recovery period was shorter and she has returned home and has returned to work at Express Central in Wadena.

Bruce has lived at the apartment for five weeks, but was able to go home for one week in August.

"It's nice to come home and get out of the big city," said Bruce. "I feel like a million bucks right now."

Bruce said he really didn't know how sick he was until

he started feeling better. The transplanted kidney is functioning well, working on its own. "We are just so thankful for the doctors, nurses and staff at the hospital. Everyone was so kind and supportive. Many family members came down to spend the surgery day with us."

For now his restrictions are not to lift anything over 15-20 pounds and he will take medications for the rest of his life. "It keeps me out of mischief," he said. He does a lot of walking to aid in healing. "But now I'm cleared to drive, which is good," he said. Bruce returns to the hospital for continual checkups and will eventually get the go-ahead to need to return two days per week, then one day a week.

Since Bruce's own kidneys still functioned - however limited - the surgical team left them in place.

"I am now a three-kidney man," said Bruce. His real kidneys can function, but if they don't, eventually they could shrivel and disintegrate. The "new" kidney is placed in the front abdominal area for better access. "Everything has gone well and we both are feeling pretty good."

The Hopps say they are blessed to have undergone the transplant and blessed with support of family, friends and co-workers.

Bruce plans to return to work at Lund Boats in New York Mills where he has worked for 19 years.

The couple have three daughters, Hillary, Brittnay and Kylee.

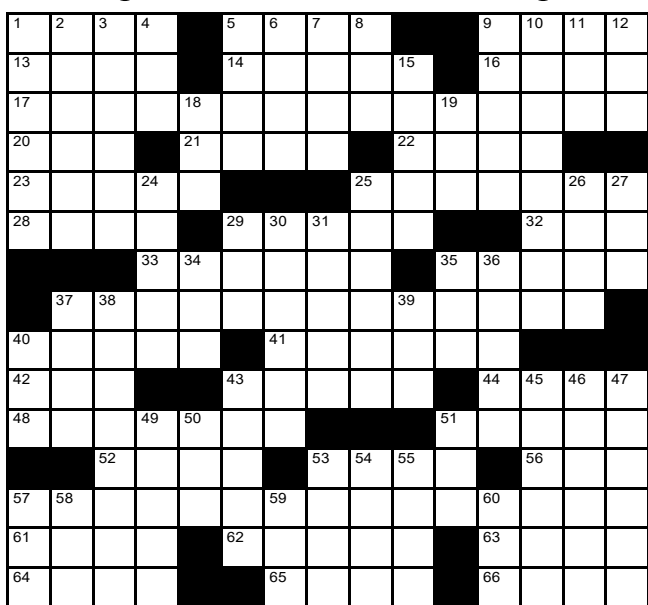
Bruce is a 1993 graduate of Staples High School and the son of Karen Hopp and the late Herb Hopp.

-Information included in this article from the story by Anna Erickson, Wadena Pioneer Journal, August 11 issue.

Crossword Puzzle

Provided by American Profile

Week 34



"Firework Effects"

Across
1 Dog-eared
5 Burn a bit
9 Kind of D.A.
13 Side by side?
14 Post-op time
16 Lodge letters
17 What a value-priced item gives you
20 Do something
21 Chilly chain
22 Naturalist John
23 Metal wastes
25 Decathlon event
28 Prefix with pad
29 Stationed
32 Laudatory lines
33 Talk idly
35 Like a rainbow
37 Hoops announcer's "Slam dunk!"
40 Food for frogs
41 Director Stone
42 Be bedridden
43 Spot for sports

44 December 24 and 31
48 Kind of court
51 Welcome
52 Powerful D.C. lobby
53 "Fernando" singers
56 Kvass ingredient
57 Seeks a wife
61 Mind
62 Less than right?
63 Retro hairdo
64 Old Italian coin
65 Feedbag feed
66 Tournament passes

Down
1 River to the Ohio
2 Delphi figure
3 Avis offering
4 Shrew
5 Gator's kin
6 Parsley or sage
7 Greeting at sea
9 Printed
9 Activist Hoffman

10 Morgan of "Super Size Me"
11 Coll. course
12 Shatner novel "War"
15 See red
18 Dix and Bragg: Abbr.
19 Ford Explorer, e.g.
24 Boy toy
25 Sleeveless jacket
26 Suggestion
27 Actor Beatty
29 Shot
30 Can't tolerate
31 '60s activist Bobby
34 Mornings, for short
35 Bar order
36 Less typical
37 Tiny amount
38 Waterproof wrap
39 Palindromic girl
40 J.F.K. regulators
43 Omega opposite
45 Corroborate
46 Friend of Piglet
47 Record producers
49 Very cushy class
50 It may be framed
51 Blather
53 Shade of blue
54 Rifle part
55 Some queens
57 Campaigner, for short
58 Samurai's sash
59 Green: Prefix
60 Bar bill

Last Week's Answers

"GRILL TIME"



Staples

Staples Alliance

1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:15 p.m.

Assembly of God

914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight & Youth 6:30 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.

Congregational Church, UCC

204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Pastor Tony Romaine
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran

430 12th Street. NE., Staples
218-894-1546
Pastor Stephen Sveom
Sunday Worship
Summer Service 9:30 a.m.
Coffee fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Outdoor Worship Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church

310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
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
Jeff Scaggins, Pastor
Saturday Worship 9:30 am.
Sabbath School 10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant

15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 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 10:15 a.m.

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Bob Ford
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

Congregational, UCC

One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran

19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Pastor Rachel Stout 218-640-5587
Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran

25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Rev. Jean M. Megard
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free

1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday Office Closed
Senior Pastor: Pastor Dan Crocker
Visitation Pastor: Pastor Jim Brown
Youth & Ministry Coordinator: Stacey Minion
1354 Café Coffee Fellowship 9:13 a.m.
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids' Club 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m.

Cushing Baptist

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

Leaf River Township

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran

903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group 5:45 p.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran

Pastor David Stevens
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist

33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran

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

St. Michael

1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
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 Bob Ford
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.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

717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Pastor Hector Merced
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.
218-746-3839
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 Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group 5:45 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene

114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146
Hewitt, MN 56453
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance

109 NW Brown Street, Verndale.
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Associate Pastor Fred Hartley IV
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.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.

Family Life Church

402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Boys and Girls Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. C.R.E.W. Youth Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

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.

Basic information

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy," the young boy replied excitedly. "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

The Facts of Life

1. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
2. Dear God, I have a problem - it's me.
3. Growing old is inevitable; growing up is optional.
4. There is no key to happiness. The door is always open.
5. Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.

(author unknown)

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Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Ernie's Food Market

Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic

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Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank

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Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Longbella Drug Store

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Motley and Pillager

Staples World

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218-894-1112

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Staples, MN 218-894-3299

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FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
August 26, 27, 28

SATURDAY 7:30 A.M.-11 A.M.
*Thresher's Breakfast
*Antique Tractor Pull 11 a.m.

50 yrs. & older tractors
Saturday Meals & Lunches, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
*Mini Rendezvous *Model Farm display

*Kid's Coin Hunt, 11:30 a.m. (3-12)
*Verndale Historical Society's working scale model of the Verndale grist mill

*Petting Zoo *Christmas House *Celtic Memories *Printing Press - print a card!

*Country Store *Art by Pam Collins *Flea Market *Vendors *Exhibitors *Crafters

Sat., Aug. 27, 7 p.m.

"Mikko Cowdery"

Sun., Aug. 28, 9 a.m.
*Worship Service in the Log Chapel
Pastor Al Jeske
Sunday Bingo, 2-4 p.m.

From Verndale: 1 mile S. on Cty. Rd. 23, 2 miles West on Cty. Rd. 1.

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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:

MORTGAGOR(S): Jonathan W. Gerdes and Pam Gerdes, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$119,047.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 28, 2010

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 8, 2010 as Document Number 466724 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$105,139.72

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 19, Township 133 North, Range 34 West of the 5th P.M., according to the United States Government Survey thereof, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4; thence East along the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 196.17 feet; thence North and parallel with the West line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 457 feet; thence East and parallel with the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 552.83 feet to the point of beginning; thence West and parallel with the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 457 feet to the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 575.33 feet; thence North and parallel with the West line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 220.25 feet; thence Northwesterly approximately 237.82 feet to the point of beginning. Together with an easement for ingress and egress over the South 33 feet of the

West 196.17 feet of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 19, Township 133 North, Range 34 West of the 5th P.M., Todd County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 16596 470TH STREET, VERNDALE, MN 56481-3131

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 01-0020000

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 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM

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

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 22, 2017.

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 MIN-

NESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: July 29, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (16-0903-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES GENERAL ELECTION

These procedures shall be applicable to the General Election to be held in Todd County on November 8, 2016.

The election will be conducted by mail in the following precinct:

City of Swanville

All voters in these precincts who are registered by the 21st day before the election (October 18, 2016) will be mailed a ballot.

The County Auditor of Todd County no earlier than forty-six (46) days and no later than fourteen (14) days before the date of the election will mail the ballots. The ballot will be addressed to the voter at the voter's residence as shown on the registration file unless the voter requests, in writing, an absentee ballot that will be mailed to the voter at a different address.

A voter who is not registered to vote in the district on the 21st day before the election may submit, by mail or in person, an application for absentee ballot to the County Auditor of Todd County and receive voter registration forms and an absentee ballot for the election.

Mail or absentee ballots must be received by the County Auditor of Todd County by mail or in person no later than 8:00 p.m. on November 8. The ballot must be returned in the ballot secrecy envelope and return envelope provided by the County Auditor. The voter and the voter's witness must complete the mail voter's certificate on the return envelope. The voter may bring his/her blank ballot and envelopes to the Auditor's Office to have a staff member serve as a witness if they do not have a witness.

An electronic voting system will be available at the Todd County Auditor's Office to permit persons with disabilities to bring their blank ballot to the courthouse to vote privately and independently. This system will be available for public demonstration in the Auditor's Office beginning September 23. The Auditor's Office is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse on the day of the election. The ballots will be counted at the Todd County Main Street Government Center in Long Prairie, Minnesota, after 8:00 p.m.

Additional information concerning this election may be received from the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office at 215 1st Ave S #201, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347, by telephone at 320-732-4414, or by e-mail at elections@co.todd.mn.us.

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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

STAPLES-MOTLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD Meeting #1 Monday, July 18, 2016 7:00 p.m. High School Media Center

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with DiGiovanni, Winkels, Freeman, Hoemberg and Lund present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Klamm; Principals Halvorson and Johnson; Business Manager Lord; several staff and SMEA reps; Staples World Manager, Halverson and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried

Chair Freeman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Winkels, seconded by DiGiovanni, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried.

Finance Items:

Ms. Lord presented the Financial Report which is available in the District Office.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Hoemberg, to approve the Financial Report and Authorization to Pay Vouchers. Motion Carried

Motion by Winkels, seconded by DiGiovanni, to approve the credit reimbursement request from Marly Simmons for \$6,572.84. Motion Carried. Mr. Simmons is now able to teach CIS classes including College Algebra and Calculus.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to approve the 2016-2017 School Meal Prices/Fee Schedule. Motion Carried. This includes an increase in student and adult meals.

Motion by Hoemberg, seconded by Lund to authorize the removal of Bonnie Thoele from Financial Accounts. Motion Carried.

Following reflection on the needs of the HS office and Community Education Winkels made the motion, seconded by Freeman to approve replacing the HS Reception/ CE Secretary position at a GR 7. Motion Carried. This position was previously a Grade 10.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman to approve purchasing two days of counselor services from

MN CEP at an additional cost of \$2,400. Motion Carried

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to approve adding an additional section of Jump Start at a cost of \$11,650. Motion Carried.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to offer the former southside tennis court property to the City of Staples at the assessed value or bring back to the Board for further consideration. Motion Carried.

Curriculum

Presentation of the HS, MS, and Elementary 2016-2017 Student-Parent Handbook. Action will be taken at the August meeting.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve the 2016-2017 Literacy Plan. Motion Carried.

Personnel

Motion by Winkels, seconded by DiGiovanni, to approve the 2016-2017 contract for Laurie Trout; MS STEAM; .8125 FTE; BA Step 2. Motion Carried

Motion by Lund, seconded by Hoemberg, to accept the resignation of Kassie Martin; Motley School Readiness and EC Teacher. Motion Carried

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Hoemberg, to accept the retirement request of Joan Holmberg; Transportation; eff. Nov. 30, 2016. Motion Carried. Thank you to Joan for 30 years of dedicated service to our district and students!

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve the Fall Extra Curricular and Coaching Assignments. Motion Carried.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the 2016-2017 180 day contract for Carrin DeLong; School Nurse; BA Step 4. Motion Carried.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to approve the 2016-2017 contract for Cathy Evans; K-3 STEAM; BA Step 1. Motion Carried

Motion by DiGiovanni, seconded by Hoemberg, to accept the resignation of Kelly Johnson; SE Receptionist; with permission to post. Motion Carried.

Thank you Kelly for your dedication to the district and best of luck at your new position.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to grant permission to post for the Motley School Readiness position. Motion Carried.

Reports:

Superintendent Klamm gave an update on construc-

tion projects underway; welcomed Jill Schneider as the new SMEA President; issued a thank you to Josi Longbottom who has been the Accounts Receivable intern at the Business Office; invited Board Members to stop by the New Staff orientation on August 22.

Other items for discussion - Freeman and Lund updated the Board on the Superintendent Evaluation Process and timeline. An Evaluation Form was distributed and is due back at the District Office by August 1. A summary will be brought to the August Board Meeting with the option of a Closed Session if needed.

The Work Session scheduled for August 1st will be rescheduled for September 12th.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Hoemberg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Complete minutes are available at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

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Public Notices

CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2016 at the Staples City Hall to consider the application of the Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association for a Conditional Use Permit. The Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association proposes to relocate a single family residence from 1220 2nd Avenue NE to 1616 Airport Road, legally described as Lot 10, Block 1, Park Estates (parcel 20-320-0110).

A conditional Use Permit is required to relocate an existing structure.

All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard on this matter.

Dated: August 16, 2016

Phil Lindaman, City Clerk

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MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS			
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For the 2016 statewide general election, the dates that ballots will be mailed for the foregoing mail ballot precincts are:
Statewide General Election: November 8, 2016

Ballot Mailing Dates: September 23 – October 25, 2016

Each voter registered by October 18, 2016 for the Statewide General Election will be mailed a ballot automatically.

Eligible voters not pre-registered by October 18, 2016, or pre-registered voters wishing to receive their ballot at a temporary address may apply for an absentee ballot.

Voters may register and apply for an absentee ballot on-line by visiting mnvote.org or the elections and voting pages of the Cass County website at www.co.cass.mn.us. For paper applications or assistance, call 218-547-7260.

Ballots may be returned by mail (a postage prepaid return envelope is included when the ballots are mailed), delivered in person by the voter, or delivered by designated agent to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484. **Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day in order to be counted.** Normal business hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Voters with disabilities and other special needs, either permanent or temporary, may access a voter assist terminal to mark their ballot by bringing their ballot and ballot envelopes to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at the address noted above, or other designated absentee voting locations.

Officials are also available at these locations to complete the witness requirements for mail ballots. Instructions are included with each ballot. The back of the return envelope must be signed by the voter and witnessed by any one of the following:

1. anyone registered to vote in Minnesota, including a spouse or relative,
2. a notary public, or
3. a person with the authority to administer oaths.

Prompt return of voted ballots is encouraged so that any omitted requirements can be corrected in advance of election day. Ballots are processed when received, and voters will be notified if there is a problem. Voters casting a mail ballot may also track their ballot on-line by visiting the website of the Minnesota Secretary of State at mnvote.org.

In addition to the normal business hours, extended hours for mail ballot voting (for in-person drop off, voter assist terminal access or absentee voting for non-registered voters) are:

Statewide Primary Election: Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday, August 8, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, August 9, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Statewide General Election: Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday, November 7, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The counting of mail ballots will be completed at the Cass County Courthouse after 8:00 p.m. on the respective election dates.

Additional information is available by contacting the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN, phone 218-547-7260.

Sharon K. Anderson
Cass County Auditor-Treasurer

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CLC staff sees updated campus

All faculty at Central Lakes College were at the Staples campus Aug. 17, for training and to see the updated campus building before the start of the school

year. Above, CLC's new President Hara Charlier addresses the faculty on keeping up with student success. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

RAILROAD DAYS continued from page 1a

Schedule has mix of traditional and new events: 'Something for everyone'

from the show go back into the Staples and Motley communities in the form of grants.

Friday, Aug. 26
Field Day will be held at the Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center in Staples from 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Quad Copter demonstrations, local foods tour, CLC fruit wine tasting, Living Legacy Gardens Walk and more. Located at 26505 Cty Rd. 2.
Living Legacy Gardens will have an ice cream fund raiser from 2-4 p.m. at the gardens just north of Staples at the CLC Ag and Energy Center.
Jon's Family Foods is having a rib fest from 4-7 p.m. in their parking lot.
Twisted Sisters Bar and Grill is having their car show from 5-10 p.m. on 2nd Ave. NE and 3rd St. NE featuring classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and any custom vehicles. Food and beer gardens available.
Fireworks will be at the Staples airport beginning at 9:30 p.m. Jars have been placed in area businesses to help pay for them. The contractor is Zambelli Fireworks Company from Pequot Lakes.

Saturday, Aug. 27
The 3rd Annual Cardinal Classic Golf Tournament will be held at The Vintage in Staples with a hot breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Golf will begin at 9 a.m. The golf fee includes breakfast, green fees, cart and prizes. Come out for a morning of breakfast and fun golf or just come out for breakfast and enjoy the Bloody Mary bar. This year's tournament is a fundraiser to keep your local golf course open for the kids and the community, so come out and support your local golf course. For information, call 218-894-9907 or email vintageatstaples@gmail.com.
Trinity Lutheran Church at 1000 4th St. NE is again offering their pancake and sausage breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m.
The Kinship Dash, a 5K walk/run, will begin at 8:30 a.m. from Staples Alliance Church and the Junior Dash for ages 12 and younger will begin at 9:30 a.m. Pre-register online at railroaddaysdash.com or on site at the church at 1512 8th St. NE before 8 a.m.
The car show is sponsored by NAPA Auto Parts and the Staples Motley Area Women of Today. It will held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Staples-Motley Elementary School on 4th St. NE featuring classic cars,

trucks and motorcycles. Shuttle service, offered by Sacred Heart Area School, will be available from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The shuttle will run along 4th St. NE with pick-ups at the corner of 4th St. and 3rd Ave. (near the post office) and at Staples-Motley Elementary.
Arts and crafts sales as well as food booths will be set up on 4th St. NE and 2nd Ave. NE. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friends of the Staples Public Library will once again offer their root beer floats during this time, a fundraiser for the organization.
A number of children's games will be offered downtown throughout the day.
Staples Ace Hardware is sponsoring CT Pedal Pull on 2nd Ave. NE in front of their building. Registration begins at 10 a.m.
The Penny Auction, a fund raiser for the Staples and Motley food shelves, is back with a long list of products to entice bidders. The Staples Congregational Church will hold the auction in their parking lot on 2nd Ave. NE and 5th St. NE from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
The Staples Softball Association's Bean Bag Tournament is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. behind Lefty's on 2nd Ave. NE and 5th St. NE.
The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce beer garden will be open from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on 4th St. NE.
Stop by the Farmers Market from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Staples All Veterans Park.
Halcyon Helicopter rides will be offered from 10 a.m. - dusk.
Stage entertainment during the day begins on 4th St. NE with the Music General Dancers at 11 a.m., the Staples Sings! contest from 12-1:30 p.m. and local band Aitas from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Prior to the Staples Sings! contest, Jenessa Iverson, 2016 Staples Motley High School graduate and the winner of the

2016 Motley Sings! contest will provide some music.
The Chili Cook-off will take place on 4th Street from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. At present, there are eight teams registered. Teams will begin serving at 11:30 a.m. until they are out. Judge's Choice, People's Choice and Theme winners will be announced at 1:15 p.m.
The Famous LA Racing Pigs will have one-hour shows at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the parking lot/playground north of Sacred Heart Area School on 4th St. NE with pigs sponsored by area businesses.
Hair braiding with be offered by R Salon of Staples, located at 4th St. and Pleasant Ave. NE.
The parade will begin at 5 p.m. at 2nd St. NE near Burger King and proceed east on 2nd Ave. NE to 11th St. NE. Serving as Grand Marshals this year are Bill and Helen Mennis, along with Mary Theurer and Sarah Koopmann.
Staples Alliance Church will have their free corn feed following the parade at 1512 8th St. NE.
Saturday's events are capped off by a gospel concert with Kayla Bailey at Centennial Auditorium at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Ministerial Association; and an outdoor concert from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. on 4th St. NE and 2nd Ave. NE sponsored by Lefty's, Twisted Sisters and Local Legends Liquor. The music of "Sell Out Stereo" spans six decades. Tickets for the outdoor show are available online at www.rockintherails.net.

Sunday, Aug. 28
A Family Fun Day Softball Tournament will take place at Dower Lake beginning at 9 a.m.
Wayne Renn will host his concert from 4-7 p.m. at Lincoln Park on Staples' south side on Nebraska Ave. SW between 3rd and 4th St. SW.

New Todd County coordinator in place

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

Lisa Herges, the new county coordinator/human resources director for Todd County, was introduced to the board of commissioners at their regular meeting Aug. 16.
Herges gave a brief run-down of her work history which includes 10 years in the private sector and the last 13 years in Mille Lacs County where she also served as interim county coordinator.
She said that through holding that position, she knew she was capable of doing this type of work. She had served Mille Lacs County as assistant county administrator for around eight years.
She told the board she was very excited for the opportunity to serve Todd County and was excited to get started.

In other business:
• After discussion, the board approved a contribution to the Initiative Foundation for \$5,500. The amount requested had been \$5,300 which was up \$100 from last year. However, Commissioner David Kircher stated that he would like to see that increased more because of all the positive returns to Todd County.
He said that he felt it was important to invest in something that invests back to the county.
Todd County Economic Development Director Rick Utech also spoke about some of the things which the Initiative Foundation has done in the county in the past year.
It was pointed out that for every local dollar contributed, the Initiative Foundation brings \$3.80 back to the county.
• An issue in the wording and recording of a property that had been tax forfeited and repurchased by the late Wayne L. Minke and Luanne R. Minke was corrected so that the property could be sold. There was no financial implication for the seller or the county.
County Commissioner Rod Erickson abstained from the vote as he is involved in the purchase of the property.
• Approved an agreement which will authorize the Minnesota Department of Transportation to reimburse Todd County \$10,456.99 for the road life consumed by the detour which will make use of Todd County State Aid Highway 46 and Todd County State Aid Highway 51 as a detour route during the contract construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Highway 94 at the junction of Highway 27.
• Approved the final payment of \$5,910.88 to be paid to Fahrner Asphalt

Sealers, LLC for the 2016 Highway Safety Improvement Program Pavement Striping Contract along various highways in the county. Partial payments amounting to \$112,306.68 have been previously made to the contractor as work progressed.
• Approved the rezoning of property owned by Roger Hendricks in Villard Township from R-10 to AF-2 zoning with no conditions.
• With several conditions, the Conditional Use Permit for a second single family home on one parcel in the matter of Tim Kasper and Kelli Karst and Eleanora Kasper was approved.
The conditions include:
1) Taking down of signage and no business advertising. An auto body repair business was at one time on the property.
2) Septic design for address 16988. This system failed the compliance inspection.
3) Septic inspection for 16972 submitted prior to home permit being issued
4) Land use permit for home at 16972.
• Approved opting out of SF2555, the Granny Pod bill.
It was felt that since

other mechanisms are in place to establish hardship dwellings in the county, SF2555 is not needed at the present time.
Kircher asked if they could opt back in if they decided to at some point.
Planning and Zoning Director Tim Stieber said that the commissioners could rescind this resolution if they chose to make SF2555 active in Todd County at some point in the future.
• Accepted the resignation of Matt Danzl, WCA Coordinator. His last day with the county is Aug. 19.
Stieber said he would be seeking input from the commissioners, Soil and Water Conservation District supervisors and staff to evaluate the position, formulate appropriate roles and responsibilities for the position, and bring forth a request to advertise a revised position description at a future board meeting.
• Accepted the resignation of Child Support Enforcement Aide Angela Jern effective Aug. 2. Along with that, the board approved health and human services to recruit and hire a support enforcement aide.

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Staples Motley Area Community Foundation Awards

hours playing with neighborhood kids in Pine Grove Park. Much of this time was spent with the Lee family. Their father, Russ Lee, a fireman, was someone Scott admired.

It was time spent with Russ that sparked an interest in firefighting for Scott. This would set the stage for much of Scott's future and lead him to one day become the Chief of the Staples Fire Department.

Scott graduated from Staples High School in 1988. He has been a lifelong resident of Staples, aside from a few years working in the Metro area as a field service technician for a robotics company. Once he and wife Cindy settled back into Staples, he wasted no time and joined the Staples Fire Department in 1998.

Since that time, he has been an active member, working his way up through different positions until being named Chief in 2005.

Scott made it his goal to raise the ISO rating the department held. He recognized that this rating affects the insurance rates for everyone in the area. He succeeded in his goal and the rating has improved.

He also set out to improve and incorporate more organized training for the firefighters. Scott said that "when the pager goes off, my job gets easy" in that everyone knows their job and where they need to be. Scott always makes sure that his firefighters have needed equipment and he prioritizes the safety and wellbeing of his community.

Scott owned the Staples NAPA store from 1997-2008. He then managed the store until January 2015, when he took over the position of Ambulance Supervisor at Lakewood Health System, Staples. Scott now oversees the operations of both the firefighters and EMT's in Staples.

His excellence in training and management can be seen by looking to the superior services these two groups provide to the Staples community. Scott is known as a calm, kind and compassionate leader, who is not afraid to step in and get his hands dirty when a job needs to be done. He leads by example and is proudly followed by his employees.

When not responding to fires and emergency calls for service, Scott enjoys spending time with his wife Cindy, son Mitchell, 16, and daughter Topanga, 11. They enjoy boating, hunting, going to races, motorcycling and taking a cruise in his convertible.

Scott was nominated by Scott, Joleen and Cole Yungbauer.

Outstanding Organization LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM PHYSICIANS

Lakewood Health System (LHS) physicians should be commended for their long-standing tradition of involvement and mentorship with University of Minnesota-Duluth Medical School students. Their efforts on both professional and personal levels have resulted in successful recruitment of future physicians for LHS, therefore contributing to positive economic development and reputation of the Staples Motley area.

The Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP) is for third-year medical students who live and train in rural communities. Dr. Julie Benson was the first RPAP in the early 1990s. She started practicing at LHS in 1997 and since then, Dr. Benson and her colleagues have been leaders, connectors and advocates for the program. Dr. David Freeman and Dr. Christine Albrecht are current RPAP preceptors and both have received statewide recog-

nition for mentoring students.

However, their colleagues also play a large role assisting with education, job shadowing and mentoring. It is truly a team effort and LHS physicians are not compensated for this work. They are "paying it forward."

In addition to RPAP, other medical and pharmacy students do clinical rotations, and the physicians provide leadership often investing personal time and money to make them comfortable at LHS and in the community. Lakewood physicians have been known to host students in their homes, feed them, incorporate them into their family life, take them to local events, highlight our vibrant community's culture and show them first-hand the benefits of living in the Staples Motley area. When the students' time is up here, they have a true snapshot of the life of a rural medical provider and community member.

In fact, in our history, Lakewood has had approximately eight students (RPAP and others) choose to practice at LHS as a result of their experiences with our physicians. And the exciting news is that we have an additional three students (soon-to-be physicians) joining LHS in the fall of 2017.

What is the financial impact of these efforts on the community? It's not an exact science, but a 2012 study conducted by the National Center for Rural Health Works claims that a rural primary care physician practicing in a community like Staples or Motley can contribute to more than 20 local jobs and upwards of \$1 million in economic benefits to the community.

Therefore, they say, the rural physician's economic contributions are vital to



Lakewood Health System physicians

Representing Lakewood Health System medical providers are, front row, from left, Michael Hudalla, MD; David Freeman, MD; Julie Mayers Benson, MD; Chad Norris, MD; Craig Henson, MD; Jonathan Claussen, MD; Jay Lenz, MD; Arden Beachy, MD; and Erik Dovre,

MD. In the back row, from left, are Jordan Moe, MD; Jessie Wilmes, CNM, APRN; Katie Norris, MD; Christine Albrecht, MD; Carol Uhlman, MD; Kelly Thompson, NP-C; Dave Schleichert, DPM; and John Halfen, MD. (Submitted photo)

our communities in order to continue to help them grow, thrive and meet the needs of our citizens.

Our community and LHS both benefit from the tireless efforts of the Lakewood Health System physicians in working with medical students.

The physicians were nominated by Tim Rice, Lakewood Health System.

Outstanding Business STAPLES CURVES

Prior to beginning work at Curves in 2001, then purchasing Staples Curves in 2004, Curves owner Autumn Pechan never thought she would work in a "gym." She thought of them as places where already fit people who already knew everything about exercise went to work out. Instead, after graduating from UMD in 1999 with a degree in Exercise Science she planned to help people recover in Cardiac Rehab at a medical facility.

After moving to Central Minnesota in 2001, she registered for a free week at a new gym that was coming to the area and ended up being offered the job of coach.

This relatively new



Staples Curves

The staff at Staples Curves include, from left, Mary Osborn-Whitney, Rebecca Soukup, Jeanette Evans and owner Autumn Pechan. (Submitted photo)

gym had been created in memory of franchisor Gary Heavin's mother who died an untimely death due to diseases that may have been prevented through diet and exercise.

Circuit Training combines strength and cardio training in a program friendly for busy women, women who now were attending regularly and seeing changes in their health, strength and weight. This increased their chances of preventing the same diseases Autumn had originally wanted to help them recover from.

Because of dedicated staff and supportive members of the Staples, Motley and surrounding areas, Staples Curves has not only been able to survive in a rural area but also add many new innovations of Curves International giving members even more opportunities to reach goals.

In addition to a serious workout, a great meal plan, monthly personal coaching and a staff on premises at all times, one of the biggest things that keeps the members coming back is the sense of community. The support they get to meet their goals from the other members and Curves members worldwide makes a huge difference when it comes to getting results and sometimes to just getting through the day.

This sense of community at Curves overflows into the Staples community itself. As staff and members learn from each other what is important to the other, they have become involved in activities projects and organizations that are important to the whole area specifically: Relay for Life and Breast Cancer Awareness, Railroad Days Dash for Kinship, Chili Cook-off, Food Shelf Collections and Chamber of Commerce.

This sense of community has also allowed partnerships with many of the local businesses and organizations to increase the awareness of the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Curves was nominated by Gina Schafer, Shirley Wegscheid, Judith Halverson, Connie Rothstein and 23 more signers.

Outstanding Youth JORDAN HAGLIN

After numerous nominations over several years, it has been apparent that it was only WHEN, not IF Jordan Haglin would be recognized as our community's Outstanding Youth.

Jordan is the son of Lisa and Paul Wick and Greg and Roseanne Haglin. His siblings include Alyssa, Brandon and Karlee and

stepbrothers Ryan, Jordan and Adam.

His activities included choir, band, jazz band, fall play, church youth group (chairperson), audio/video technician, student council (treasurer), golf, yearbook staff, boys' choir, men's choir, football manager, speech, Madrigal dinners, Dollars for Scholars youth representative, honor society, and Lamplighter Community Theatre.

Jordan's mere participation in these activities would be impressive enough, but mere participation is not his style. As those who nominated him have attested, Jordan has a drive to succeed, has great integrity and enthusiasm for whatever he is doing, and is kindhearted and loyal.

He was entrusted with access to the school facilities, auditorium, sound systems and variety of technologies. Younger students were put under his tutelage, as school staff weren't sure "what we'd do when he graduates." He was the type of student to inspire educators and administrators alike – inspiring them to be their best.

Belmont University in Nashville became Jordan's home in August after a busy summer working three jobs, in addition to running his own business creating and managing websites. While Jordan's Plan A had been to be an architect, after traveling to Disney World on a band and choir trip he realized that his local work as an audio and video technician could actually bloom into a full-time career. While watching the light show projected against a water fountain at Disney's Fantasmic he realized that this was a place where they daily raise the creative bar and that this was the type of work he wanted to do full-time.

Jordan had some great mentors and credits people like Kevin and Matt Olsen and Chris Etzler who taught him the ropes about audio and video. Others such as Lorna Klefsaas and Jake Denning inspired him with their giving nature and genuine care for others as well as their overall positive nature.

If he were to give anyone advice, he'd tell them to go for what you're passionate about and say "yes" often even if you have to sacrifice a little, because you'll always learn something and that feeling you get when you're using the talents you were given is nothing short of "fantasmic"!

Jordan was nominated this year by Dawn Timbs, Mike Schmidt and Ken Klose.

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Volleyball team looking at building momentum

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

A buzz of excitement is going through the Staples-Motley gym as the volleyball team has been practicing early in the season.

"There is a lot of energy, a lot of excitement around the program," said Coach Gretchen Bestland. "We have strong senior leadership with our three captains and two other seniors."

Captain Chelsea Nanik said "we are having more fun this year, we are having a good time."

Captain Mackenzie Zetah said "We have a lot more confidence in ourselves this year."

The attitude and confidence are paying off on the court. "We are hitting, controlling our passes, playing better as a team," said captain Mardi Opheim.

The team had a scrimmage on Aug. 22 and came away with positive impressions. "We were really competitive with the other teams," said Nanik. "We were missing some girls so the younger players played and they did good, too."

Bestland said the team has 34 players in grades 9-12. "There is a lot of talent coming up through the ranks," she said. "They are looking really good, our players have grown in their skills."

For a team that has struggled to win games in the past few years, Nanik



Volleyball captains

Staples-Motley volleyball captains, from left, Chelsea Nanik, Mackenzie Zetah and Mardi Opheim.



Volleyball coaches

From left, Staples-Motley assistant coaches Ashley Rubner and Cy Bestland with Head Coach Gretchen Bestland.

said their main team goal will be to simply win more games.

Bestland agreed, saying

"This year we are looking for success, that will start to build momentum in the program."



Swimming captains

Staples-Motley/Verndale swim team captains; Lili Schneider and Emily Veronen.



New coach

Amanda Olson starting her first season as head coach for the Staples-Motley Swim team.

New swimming coach finding early success

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

With a lot of very young swimmers on the team, Staples-Motley Coach Amanda Olson is finding big improvements after just one week of practice.

"Already they're doing things they thought were impossible ... it's starting to click," said Olson.

The team started doing time trials early because Olson said she wanted them to notice their im-

provement. She said her goals for the team are "getting the girls to love the sport, getting healthy and learning to improve."

Olson knows about falling in love with swimming since she joined her high school team in seventh grade. She continued swimming into her first year of college. "My life was swimming," she said, "I loved it."

When she started teaching at Motley-Staples Middle School last year, Olson

attended the swim meets and found herself helping out some of the girls.

When last year's coach moved away, Olson was asked to apply for the position. She got support from her boyfriend, family and school staff and decided to do it.

When she started Olson first noticed that some of the girls could use technique work and gain good habits to help prevent injury.

See **SWIMMING** on page 4b

Cross country teams plan on running fast with young athletes

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls and boys cross country teams will both be very young, but they both plan to be very fast this year.

"We have good numbers and good athletes," said Coach Bruce Fuhrman. "The boys have a solid nine to ten runners and the girls have a lot of new faces. The jury is out on how good they are going to be."

Two of the senior leaders who were on varsity last year, Alex Miller and Blake Gerard, will not run this year due to medical issues, but are still at every practice, helping the team with their guidance and knowledge.

"I love being a mentor," said Miller. "We have a lot of new girls, some haven't ever run in a meet yet. They need someone to look up to."

Gerard said "It takes a lot to run a race, it's not just running, there's strategy and all the things you do before you start a race."

Girls preview

For the girls team, Taylor Yungbauer and Mikayla Sauber are co-captains.

Sauber said they are improving the team by getting the younger runners to learn about the sport. "We're running with them and pushing them to be the best we can be," she said.

Yungbauer said the team is keeping a positive attitude. "We are competitive, we want to beat each other, but we also want to keep a positive attitude," she said.

Other experienced runners include Emma Colsen, Julia Trantina, Jorie Ihme, Kaitlyn Smith, Kira Sweeney and Abby Brown. Seventh grade runners include Madysen Hull, Amara Chenoweth, Addison Lorber and Mackenzie Wilds.

"This is a hard working group of girls and who have a desire to be strong. There are many new faces and I admire how they compete in practice," said Coach Fuhrman. "This



Cross country captains

Staples-Motley cross country captains, from left, Mikayla Sauber, Coleman Klimek, Taylor Yungbauer, Nick Tabatt, Blake Gerard and Alex Miller.

could be the team to follow this season."

Fuhrman said Pequot Lakes and Park Rapids have powerful lineups returning to the conference, as does Morris Area Section 6A.

Boys preview

The cross country boys have a young team that has hopes of getting to state.

"We don't want to end up like we did last year in the section," said captain Coleman Klimek, referring to the team's fifth place finish that they thought could be higher.

"We learned what we have to do to get where we want to go," said Gerard.

Co-Captain Nick Tabatt said the team is in better shape early this year. "We worked harder in captain's practices," he said.

"We are in a way better spot," said Gerard. "We are running every extra mile and working overtime. If (coach) Bruce tells us to run ten 400s, we run eleven."

About the young runners, Tabatt said "We have a lot of people in the same age group running together, that's a good strategy to have." Tabatt said team unity is also important. "We rely on each other," he said.

The varsity and junior varsity competition will

have a lot of people in the mix. Finn Erholtz and Ben Bartczak are two 10th graders new to cross country but they have had stellar track seasons so they are not strangers to running. Other sophomores are Braydon Christensen, Trenton Plopper, Jack Benson and Bentley Christensen.

Freshmen runners will be Jack Tyrrell, Hunter Klimek, Isaac Christoffersen and Cael Sams. Two eighth graders with high expectations are Emmet Anderson and Tanner Robben.

"It will be exciting to watch the team become competitive," said Coach Fuhrman.

Detroit Lakes and Pequot Lakes will have strong conference teams while Crosby-Ironton could parallel the young Staples-Motley team. In Section 6A, West Central Area has a host of great athletes returning.

Upcoming action

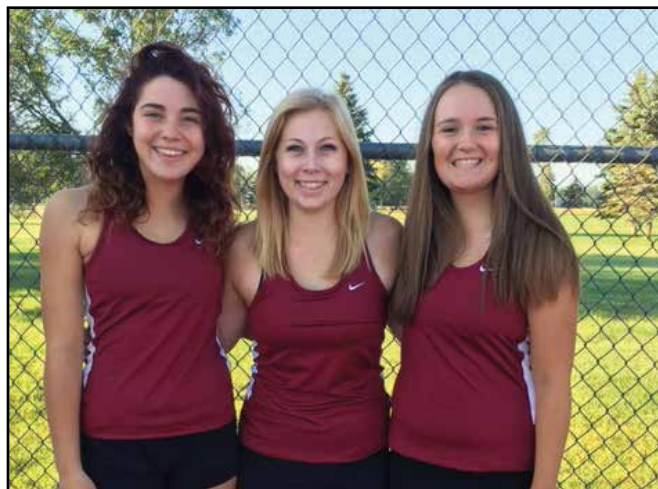
The Cardinal cross country teams open the season on Monday, Aug. 29, at Blueberry Pines Golf Course in Menahga at 10 a.m. This is a shared meet that will be held in Staples again next year. They also run at Wadena on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 4:30 p.m.

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team talks a lot about confidence; like in the strokes they hit and in their teammates. It's paying off early as the team started the season 4-0, with wins over Little Falls, Osakis, Morris and Yellow Medicine East.

One reason for the confidence is "Izabella is back," said one of the team captains Lexi Johnson. Izabella Edin placed third in state two years ago but didn't play high school tennis last year.

Edin is a tri-captain, along with Ashley Smith and Johnson. Edin talks about the team having confidence in hitting the ball. "The team is ready to play, we have seven seniors and a lot of experience," said Edin. "We've done footwork drills and a lot of conditioning." She said some



Tennis captains

Staples-Motley tennis team captains, from left, Izabella Edin, Ashley Smith and Lexi Johnson.

of the Staples-Motley players came to play at the tennis club she plays at in St. Cloud.

Johnson said the team's goal is to get back to state after coming close last season.

The captains said there's a big focus on the team's lineup early in the season. "Spots are open, we have a lot of people who are able to be in any spot."

See **TENNIS** on page 4b

Football team looking to take another big step

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Coming off their first winning season in five years, including a playoff win, the Staples-Motley football team is looking to take another step forward with the ultimate goal of making it to state.

"Our goal is to win our home games. That will help us win the district and will give us a good shot at winning the section," said captain Hunter Berggren. "We are taking it one step at a time."

Coach Travis VanOverbeke said in his third year of the program, "guys know the system, we are just making small adjustments and making sure guys understand where they are supposed to be. We have an excellent crew."

Captain Matt Miller said the early season practices have been intense. "Guys are stepping up and fighting for positions. They have a lot of energy."

The Cardinals are expected to play the same style of football, pounding it behind their line and taking a few deep shots



Football captains

Staples-Motley football captains Hunter Berggren and Matt Miller.

on offense. "We will rely on our offensive line to push some people around," said VanOverbeke. They weighed the line and found it to be over 1,300 pounds.

Miller said "We have put in a lot of time, we just have to make sure everyone knows what to do every play."

Berggren added "we also need to maintain our high level of energy all season."

VanOverbeke said most

of the teams on the schedule will either improve or reload for this year. "Everyone will be gunning for us," he said.

Upcoming action

The Cardinals have a scrimmage Saturday, Aug. 27 at Sauk Centre, against Sauk, Foley and Montevideo.

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A summit of a different nature

One of the noteworthy items recently in state outdoors media has been coverage of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Angler and Hunter Recruitment and Retention Summit, which will be held near the Twin Cities. The term "summit" has usually been reserved for gatherings of important people to address issues of very great significance, like nuclear arms control, global health issues or climate change. "Summit" may be a bit grandiose, but the DNR rightly considers the involvement of young people in outdoor activities – and stimulating their appreciation of Nature – to be of no small importance. We can give them the benefit of the doubt on this one.

The flatly-stated problem is this: Minnesota's young people are turning to other interests and pursuits, and their involvement in camping, fishing, hunting and other Nature-centered activities is not keeping pace with the state's population growth. It matters because, without a political base that cares about these things, and is willing to shell out license money and conservation membership cash, habitat and the game and fish populations they support will diminish and decline in quality, interest will further wane and soon the point will be moot.

That's the downside. The upside is that, in raw numbers, Minnesota is faring better than most of the other 49 states. Fishing is our bread-and-butter outdoor recreation, and we rank second only to Alaska in the number of people who fish when compared to our population; "per capita," as they say. In hunting we are in the top 10 in per capita

participation. So what's the problem?

A good comparison might be a premier walleye lake that has a good population of adult fish in the catchable size range. All may be well for the present, but what happens when there is a bad spawning season, and a year class is less abundant than normal? Several years later there may be a population bust, with the result that harvest will have to be limited; perhaps even closed.

The good thing about fish populations is that it may take only very temporary rule changes before things are back to normal. But it takes a lot longer to grow a fisherman or a hunter. And, unlike fish, which are pretty much on their own from a very young age, most youth don't develop a passion for the outdoors unless it is shown to them by an adult who guides them to it and teaches them by example.

Some MN DNR statistics dramatically illustrate a break in this chain. In the year 2000 there were some 315,000 adults ages 35-44 who bought fishing licenses, and – we can assume – used them to fish. In 2014, this group moved up into the age 49-58 category. The niche these "oldsters" had occupied was filled by youths who had been 21-32, in 2000. But their license purchases totaled only slightly above 200,000. That's roughly a 35 percent decline, and 2015 numbers continue to bear this gloomy statistic out. Comparable hunter numbers look even worse. Who from this weakened "year class" of adult anglers will teach the next crop of youth to fish, or in other ways to enjoy the outdoors?

Some of the reasons heard in explanation of this fall-off will not be surprising. People have less free time, despite predictions a generation ago that productivity would lead us to a 30-hour work week. The opposite has occurred for many people. Technology advances allow many of us to take our work with us almost anywhere and for many it has led to a work cycle that

is greater, not less.

While some technologies allow us to be "at work" almost anywhere and everywhere, other forms of technology allow us to be entertained and in communication with others both instantly and constantly. Many young people are both wired and tuned-in during the vast majority of their waking hours and simpler pastimes on the water or in the field – even assuming there is a parent or other mentor to lead them – have more competition than ever before.

Youth sports have become the "summer school" of the modern age. Tournaments, summer leagues and skills camps take up an increasing share of the non-school months, especially for those young people who are comparatively more gifted. Even among the average youth athlete, many moms and dads push them to excel, hoping they will "make the team," and someday perhaps even attract the eye of a college athletic recruiter handing out scholarships. There are many academic camps, too, the better to prepare students for making the leap from high school to a highly-regarded college or university.

Of course there will always be exceptions. I didn't have parents who fished, hunted, camped or had intimate ties to the outdoors. But I was fortunate enough to have friends who did, and was more or less adopted into these activities by several families. That was a different era, and fewer of us were as heavily programmed into youth sports, nor did we have the electronic playground in our pocket that so many young people have today.

My son, now 25, played youth baseball, then summer soccer and was on a traveling youth basketball team. He played school sports in fall, winter, and spring until he was a 10th grader, and thereafter in both fall and spring. We did not begin to fish together in a serious way until he was in college; luckily, today he is "hooked," as he puts it.

Unfortunately, many who do not have an outdoor sports relationship with their child in those formative years never will.

One of the really bright spots for involving our youth is the phenomenal growth in Minnesota's high school clay target leagues. It is the fastest growing high school sport in Minnesota, and in spring 2016 there were 319 teams and more than 10,000 participants shooting trap or skeet. While many come to the sport from families that hunt or shoot, a surprising number do not, and develop an interest through classmates. The cost of participation is minimal, chiefly an investment in a reasonably priced shotgun that can be acquired with the proceeds of a summer job, or perhaps lent by one of the many enthusiastic team mentors.

Perhaps surprising, interest and participation are just as high among students at Metro area and suburban schools as in outstate or rural Minnesota. Whether a significant number of those who are new to shooting will become hunting enthusiasts remains to be seen. At the very least, these young people and their parents are being exposed to shooting as a safe and viable pastime. For many participants the clay target sport is also a connection to their school and student body that might not otherwise exist, as many school officials have eagerly attested.

Recently I visited a local range to shoot a round of trap. A young man arrived to shoot, wearing a vest and hat that identified him as a high school clay target team member. A young woman was with him, and though she seemed hesitant to shoot herself, seemed eager to watch him "bust some clays."

Who knew that you could take your date to a shooting range? Maybe – hopefully – the task of stimulating greater youth interest in the outdoor sports will be just a mite easier than we think.

SWIMMING

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Captains excited for season

ries. So for summer workshops and the first week of practice, she taught a lot of the basics. "We are now applying everything and working on strength and endurance," said Olson.

The swimmers are also responding to the practices. "We're a lot better than last year, we have a good new coach and are very excited," said team captain Lili Schneider, "everyone is working hard."

Captain Emily Veronen agreed. "We are excited for a great season, we want to improve as a team, not just individuals," said Veronen.

The team will continue with their diving program if there's enough interest. Last year's diving coach Tony Stanley has agreed to help girls continue to improve on their diving.

Olson said the ultimate goal for the season would be for the team to win at least one meet, despite the youth and inexperience. "A little success would be awesome for the girls," she said.

TENNIS

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Competition, bonding part of tennis team growth

The team has had some competitive challenging matches for positions, but Edin said the team is using teamwork to gel together.

Johnson agreed, "We had a bond that was instant, we melded together right away."

Coach Kayla Janson said the team is very strong with both singles and doubles players. "We have a nice mix," she said.

Janson also noticed the camaraderie, saying that the players are already planning team dinners.

Assistant coach Katie Edin said she has noticed a lot of positive feedback on the court. "They are always telling each other 'nice shot,'" she said.

Team results

Aug. 18:
S-M 4, Little Falls 0 (others rained out)
Singles: Sam Schimpp W 6-1, 6-1

Doubles: L. Johnson/Claire Wolhowe W 6-3, 6-1; Katie Benson/Kelsie Weite W 6-0, 6-0; Bryn Williams/Anna Wilgohs W 6-2, 6-1

Aug. 22:
S-M 4, Osakis 3
Singles: I. Edin W 6-2, 6-0; A. Smith L 2-6, 0-6; Kelsi Peterson W 6-2, 6-2; S. Schimpp L 6-4, 0-6, (5-10)

Doubles: L. Johnson/C. Wolhowe W 6-3, 6-2; K. Benson/K. Weite W 3-6, 6-3, (10-8); B. Williams/Anna Wilgohs L 4-6, 1-6

S-M 6, Morris 1
Singles: Edin W 6-0, 6-0; Smith L 6-4, 2-6, (8-10); Peterson W 6-0, 6-4; Schimpp W 6-2, 6-0

Doubles: Johnson/Wolhowe W 6-2, 6-2; Benson/Weite W 6-1, 6-0; Williams/Wilgohs W 6-0, 6-0

S-M 7, Yellow Medicine East 0
Singles: Edin W 6-1, 6-1; Smith W 6-2, 6-3; Peterson W 6-1, 6-1; Schimpp W 6-7 (5-7), 5-4 (ft)

Doubles: Johnson/Wolhowe W 6-1, 6-2; Benson/Weite W 6-1, 6-1; Williams/Haley Dietman W 6-0, 6-0



Tennis action

Brynn Williams zeros in on a forehand.

GARAGE SALES

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GARAGE SALE:
Thurs., Aug. 25, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri., Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-noon. Entertainment center, Corelle dishes, household, kid's stuff, movies, poker chips, scrapbooking, tons of books, vintage items, baked goods. **205 Ravilla Ave., Staples. Bates ssw34p**

UNUSUAL DOWNSIZING SALE: **Thurs., Aug. 25 only! 8 a.m.-1 p.m.** Household goods, antiques, tools, workshop supplies, children's clothes 3-5T, toys, lake/water items, college refrigerator. Kajers, 935 7th St. NE, Staples. ssw34p

MULTI-FAMILY SALE: **Sat., Aug. 27-Sun., Aug. 28, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** Something for everyone: men, women, children. Home decor, furniture, clothing, yard, misc. items. 48475 251st Ave., Staples (Hwy. 210 west) 1 mi. past Cty. 21. ssw34p

GARAGE SALE:
Thurs., Aug. 25-Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-noon. Wedding decorations, dishes, bric-a-brac, holiday decorations, salt/pepper sets, books, glassware, candles, music stand, size 2X sporting clothes, hardware, ice auger/ battery op., window air conditioner, trolling motor, lawn chairs, dog kennel, 2001 Buick Century, Northwood 16' boat (loaded) w/25 HP Mercury motor, 2 Arctic Cat snowmobiles, '90 & '91 w/trailer, 2 rug machines, misc. items. 23908 Cty. Rd. 2, Staples. 1-1/2 mi. west of CLC. No early sales. w34p

GARAGE SALE:
Oylen. Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 4 mi. N of Wahoo Valley. Wood splitter - 22 ton; meat grinder, sectional couch, bar stools, 33 records, household, a lot of men's stuff. ssw34p

HUGE MOVING SALE:
Thurs., Aug. 25-Sat., Aug. 27, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. each day. No early sales. Furniture, sm. appliances, tools, garage stuff. Priced to sell! From Staples CLC, west to Wadena Co. Rd. 29, north to Thomastown Church, right over river; 2.1 mi. on Wilderness Dr. Fire # 17905, west side of road. Narrow driveway - do not block. E. Twaddle. ssw34p

GARAGE SALE: **Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** 700 blk./8th St. NE, Staples. Electronics, furniture, brand name clothing: Miss Me denim, Lucky, Silver; juniors, misses, women's, children's, men's. ssw34p

STARTS TODAY! SACRED HEART AREA SCHOOL SALE: 310 4th St., Staples. **Thurs., Aug. 25-Fri., Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Furniture, clothing, holiday and misc. galore. ssw34c

MULTI-FAMILY SALE: **Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.** 11604 Orv's Landing Rd., Staples. Baby boy infant - 4T clothing, toys, games, books, deer stands, oak/ glass door and cupboard, household items. Too much to list. Something for everyone! w34p

GARAGE SALE: **Fri., Aug. 26-Sat., Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.** 50707 285th Ave., Staples. From Staples: Warner Rd. to Ron's Auto, south on 285th or Hwy 10 east to Angel's Body Shop, north on 285th. New lumber, fencing supplies, tools, power tools, construction supplies. A lot of tires and household items. w34p

YARD SALE: **Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** Desk/ chair, Pack N Play, furniture, duck decoys, deer stands, golf clubs, air compressor, chainsaw, a lot of misc. 9 mi. SE, Staples on Cty. Rd. 7. #30640 416th St., Browerville. w34p

HUGE FAMILY YARD SALE: **Thurs., Aug. 25-Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.** 316 Ravilla Ave., Staples. Furniture, kitchen, bathrm. decor, wall hangings, toys, clothing: adult/children. ssw34p

GARAGE SALE: **Fri., Aug. 26-Sat., Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.** 24732 US Frontage Rd, Staples. 2 mi. west Hwy. 10. Kitchen items, air hockey table, Thermo Pride wood furnace, post-hole auger, coffee table, roll-top desk, clothes, misc. items ssw34p

GARAGE SALE: 2013 Harley, 4X4 truck, adult bikes, Wheat dishes, old records, kid's clothes, misc. 112th St. SW (Cty. 34), Pillager. **Thurs., Aug. 25-Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.** w34p

CUSHING AREA Cty. Rd. 3 GARAGE SALE: **Thurs., Aug. 25, 2-5 p.m., Fri., Aug. 26-Sat., Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** Lawn swing set (great cond.), lawn table/chairs, sportsmen's items, mitre saw, bagger/ Craftsman mower, microwave stands, sm. TVs, shallow lake pump, a lot of misc. 8 mi. south Motley/ Hwy. 10, 1 mi. east on 320th St. 218-575-2925.



Staples Railroad Days

August 25 - August 28, 2016

City Wide Garage Sales

Garage Sale: **Thurs., Aug. 25 - Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** 987 Pleasant Ave. NE, Staples.

Garage Sale: **Thurs., Aug. 25 - Sun., Aug. 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.** 15 Oak St. SW/ Central Ave., Aldrich.

Garage Sale: **Thurs., Aug. 25, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** 205 Airview Dr., Staples.

Garage Sale: **Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-noon.** 601 Summit Ave NE, Staples.

Garage Sale: **Thurs., Aug. 25 - Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-noon** 501 4th St. SW, Staples.

Garage Sale: **Fri., Aug. 26 - Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** 919 5th St. NE, Staples.

Garage Sale: **Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** 700 Blk./8th St. NE, Staples.

Garage Sale: **Sat., Aug. 27, 7:30 a.m.-noon.** Staples Rental units, 26484 Cty. Rd. 2, Staples.

Garage Sale: **Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-noon.** 229 Wisconsin Ave. SW, Staples.

Garage Sale: **Thurs., Aug. 25 - Fri., Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.** 919 7th St. NE, Staples.

Garage Sale: **Thurs., Aug. 25, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.** 208 4th St. NE, Staples (theatre building).

Mega Sale: **Thurs., Aug. 25 - Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-noon.** 221 Long Prairie Rd. SW, Staples.

Garage Sale: **Thurs., Aug. 25 - Sat., Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** 437 8th St. NE, Staples.

Garage Sale: **Thurs., Aug. 25-Fri., Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-7.** 424 6th St. NE Staples.

Garage Sale: **Sat., Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** 615 6th St. NE, Staples. Roberts.

Garage Sale: **Fri., Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.** Behind Staples Post Office.

Garage Sale: **Thurs., Aug. 25 - Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** 119 6th St. NE, Staples.

