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Staples, Minnesota

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Kick up your heels

Staples-Motley Elementary students kicked their shoes off for a fun event during the elementary track and field day on May 27. See more photos on page 7. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Learning from nature

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

A classroom without walls or roof is starting in the Staples area, where students will learn from experiencing nature and practicing life skills.

Kirsten Rude is starting Organic Roots Schoolhouse at a forested site near Oylen, about 15 miles north of Staples.

On a typical school day, students will spend most of their time outdoors.

“Being outside is good for you and good for your soul,” said Rude.

She hopes to recruit around 10 students between the ages of kindergarten through sixth grade. There will be technology available for students to learn and do research, but Rude said that is not a feature of her school, most learning will take place through nature.

“Authentic learning is the goal,” she said.

Rude was a teacher in St. Cloud for eight years but after a while she found that there are many things a teacher can’t do in a school setting.

“I wanted to do more with education,” she said. “I wanted a different dream, I was wanting to get into nature.”

So she began looking into creative teaching systems. She was inspired by forest schools that are popular in the United Kingdom. The outdoor learning movement is also growing in the United States, but is not as common as in Europe. Rude’s research inspired her to look into what she can do in Minnesota.

Rude and her husband Eric, a software designer,

started looking for a place where she could start a forest school. They found the place near Oylen, along the Crow Wing River. The home there was used as a summer cabin and is much smaller than the home they were living in, but it also has 34 acres of forest and river land. Rude saw a lot of possibilities in the property and also saw some positives to downsizing and keeping the family closer together. They plan to add a shop building and will move another building to the property to be a schoolhouse that can be used to gather and for days with inclement weather.

On May 17, Rude gave a demonstration of what her school will be like, using her three sons, Harrison, Henry and Hudson, and inviting some friends, Reed Aaron, Shelby and Ryan Malikowski.

Rude guided the seven children through a typical forest school lesson that revolved around the topic of camouflage. They started learning types and purposes of camouflage, then talked about specific animals, mimicry, and how camouflage is used by both predators and prey.

Following the lesson, Rude gave the students time to talk with each other about it, asking the students to “show what you know”. She then introduced an “invitation to play” segment where the students could do creative projects based on the lessons. There was a picnic table filled with wood, sticks, bark, moss animal figurines, twine, glue, paint, crayons and paper. Rude

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Waving in the breeze

A red dress waves in the breeze along Highway 64 in Leader. Three dresses have been hung there by Domita DeWald, a member of the Dakota tribe, who

is trying to help raise awareness of the thousands of missing and murdered Indigenous women. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Red dresses in Leader raising awareness of Indigenous women

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Three red dresses hang from trees on the west side of Highway 64, not far from Leader. On a windy day, they sway with the breeze, as if to greet passers by.

Domita DeWald hung them there recently, on land she and her husband, Garry DeWald own. A member of the Dakota tribe, Domita said the red dresses are a symbol of missing and murdered Indigenous women, of which there are thousands each year. Many of these cases are never investigated.

“I’m trying to help bring awareness to this epidemic of the Indian people,” Domita said, adding that it’s mainly Native American

women who are affected. She went on to say that she’d recently watched a story on the news that reported six percent of the population in Montana is Native American. Of that six percent, nearly 30 percent have been murdered.

Although nobody she knows is part of the missing and murdered statistics, it still feels close to home.

Domita grew up in southern Minnesota, on the Prairie Island Indian Reservation. For many years she lived with the Dakota people on a reservation in South Minneapolis.

She and her husband moved to the Leader area about 17 years ago, after Garry’s dad passed away and they inherited some

land. “No, he’s a white guy,” Domita laughed when asked if Garry was also part of the Dakota tribe. It was a bit of a culture shock at first Domita said of rural living but now she’d never want to move back to Minneapolis “I love it here,” she said.

Although not currently living on a reservation Domita stays in touch with her family and visits them at least once a month. One of her nieces shares her passion for the plight of their people and recently participated in the ‘Missing Murdered Indigenous Women’s March’ in Washington.

Domita went on to say that the Native American population has continued to

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Local counties lagging in COVID-19 vaccinations

Area COVID percentages similar to Twin Cities

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

While 64 percent of adult Minnesotans have been vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, the four counties in the Staples-Motley area are still well below that figure.

Todd County has the lowest percentage, with 40 percent of the population over age 16 receiving at least one vaccination shot. Minnesota’s Mayo Clinic has stated that a much higher percentage of vaccinations will be needed to provide herd immunity in the overall population.

“It’s not clear if or when

the U.S. will achieve herd immunity,” stated a Mayo Clinic news release, “However, the FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at protecting against severe illness requiring hospitalization and death due to COVID-19. Even if it isn’t currently possible to stop transmission of the COVID-19 virus, the vaccines are allowing people to better be able to live with the virus.”

A total of 7,686 county residents have received one shot, with 7,143 who have completed their vaccine series.

Wadena County has 48 percent vaccinated, with

5,132 total. Cass County is at 49 percent and Morrison County 46 percent.

Cook County, the Grand Marais/North Shore area leads the state with 80 percent of adults vaccinated. It also has the lowest number of total cases in the state 168, and is the only county with zero deaths from COVID-19. Olmstead County the Rochester area, has 76 percent of residents vaccinated. Hennepin County the Minneapolis area, has 73 percent vaccinated.

Infections

Morrison County has the area’s highest percentage See **COVID** on page 3a

Weather

This Week’s Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
June 2	75°	52°	Showers
June 3	80	57	M. Sunny
June 4	87	61	Sunny
June 5	86	60	Sunny
June 6	83	57	P. Cloudy
June 7	78	57	Showers
June 8	80	57	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
June 2	77°	57°	M. Cloudy
June 3	80	57	Sunny
June 4	79	56	Sunny
June 5	80	55	Sunny
June 6	78	45	M. Sunny
June 7	82	60	M. Cloudy
June 8	99	76	Cloudy

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Learning on a log

Ryan Malikowski, Harrison Rude and Shelby Malikowski have some answers to a question at Organic Roots Schoolhouse, while sitting on log chairs. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

May 20 - 26

May 25 - The MPD assisted an Ottertail deputy with a prisoner transport detail.

May 23 - The MPD received a report from Holiday Station in Motley of a gas drive-off in the amount of \$41.85.

May 21 - The MPD issued a hands-free violation cita-

tion to Alan Parkhurst, 47.

May 20 - The MPD arrested Cole Franzen, 24, for violating a court order.

May 20 - The MPD mailed a citation to Michael Wanger, 37, the registered owner of a vehicle that had been involved in a gas drive-off at Holiday Station in Motley May 13, in the amount of \$53.03.

May 22 - The MCSO received a call from Luke Selinski who reported that his truck was on fire at the 27000 block of Cedar Rd., Cushing. The MCSO arrived at the scene after

Randall Fire and the vehicle, a 2007 Chevy, was a total loss. A boat and trailer were also burned. The driver believes the metal gas can slid in the bed of the truck touching a boat battery which sparked the ignition.

May 21 - The MCSO issued a citation to Lawrence Foster, 57, for driving after suspension.

May 20 - The MCSO responded to a report of suspicious people in the parking lot at BRICKS in Motley.



Volunteer gardeners plant flowers



Members of the Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club were at work May 25, planting flowers in the barrels that are placed along Highway 10 in Motley. Pictured above, from left, are Geri Altrichter, Paula Johnson, John Watson, Wendy Holmberg, Joyce Kuehn, Sherry Frisk, Shirley Watson, Norman Odden, Florence Berndt, Bernice Thomson, Joan Hamann and Fran Kokett. In lower photo, Thomson holds a new product introduced locally by Rod Enberg of Motley...an organic soil amendment (Ready Char Energy) which they will use to fertilize the flowers. In addition to the barrels along the highway, the Sprinkle and Sprout members plant and maintain flowers at Veterans Park in Motley, the Caboose Park in Staples; and the barrels at the entrance to Motley Public Cemetery. (Submitted photos)



Adding color and beauty to the community

Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club members were busy May 25, planting a variety of flowers in large barrels that have since been placed along Highway 10 in Motley. Members care for the flowers

all summer, watering them at least once a week. The club members also plant and maintain flowers at Veterans Park in Motley and the Caboose Park in Staples. (Submitted photo)

Staples City Council hears updates

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting May 25, the Staples City Council heard reports from both the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Public Works Commission; adopted two resolutions; and approved the Todd-Wadena Counties Fire Association Mutual Aid Agreement.

The first resolution provided was the adoption of annual liquor licenses for the following: Lefty's Inc.; B&B's Sports Bar & Grill, LLC; Staples Off Sale Liquor, Inc.; Staple Food Corporation; Ives Family, LLC; Liquor Depot of Staples; and Los Corrales. All council members voted "aye" except for Roy Miles.

The council also adopted a resolution granting Spectrum Mid-America, LLC a franchise extension to Dec. 31, 2021.

After hearing an update from Parks and Recreation Director Tricia Jasmer, the council approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000 to decrease the Community Center fund balance and transfer funds into another account in order to purchase a water-slide for the pool, bounce houses for programs and events; and a horizontal climbing wall in the gym.

Jasmer went on to report that a lot of work has taken place at the city parks already this spring, with many more projects in the works. She mentioned that they've been busy painting buildings at Dower Lake and plan to paint the Caboose at Caboose Park as well. Plans at Pine Grove Park's ball field include putting in new bleachers. The ballfields at Dower Lake will also be getting some attention.

After hearing the report from Public Works

Director Scott Grabe, the council approved a recommendation to approve an amended Service Territory Agreement, in principle, between the City of Staples and Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative to state that Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative provide service by exception to 26932 490th St. and the City of Staples provides service to 501 Prairie Ave NW on July 1, 2023.

In other matters the council:

- LEARNED that the city wide cleanup is scheduled for June 11.

- MET Tara Greer, the city's incoming City Clerk/Finance Director. Greer, who currently works as a clerk for the City of Hewitt, will be taking the place of Diane Archer upon her upcoming retirement. Archer has been employed by the City of Staples since October of 2017.



Visiting after the meeting

Members of the Staples City Council and city staff visited for a short while after their regular meeting May 25. Pictured clockwise from left are Mary Theurer, council member; Scott Grabe, Public Works Director; Tara Greer, incoming city clerk/finance director; council members Doug Case and Thomas Toepper; and Diane Archer, City Clerk/Finance Director. Archer will be retiring in the near future and mentioned that the council's regular meeting in June will be the last one she attends as a city employee. Greer (pictured at right) was introduced during the meeting. She currently works as a clerk for the City of Hewitt and plans to come on board as City Clerk/Finance Director in Staples upon Archer's retirement. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





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Pipeline protesters arrested near Huntersville

On May 24, at approximately 12:33 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a report of demonstrators on the pipeline right-of-way in section 6 of Huntersville Township, northwest of Huntersville. The reporting party stated there were approximately 30 individuals demonstrating and some of them were climbing on equipment located at the work site.

Law Enforcement arrived on scene and the demonstrators were near the equipment. It was soon learned that one equip-

ment operator had become trapped in the equipment by the demonstrators.

Deputies went to the equipment and safely moved the employee from the equipment and escorted him back through the demonstrators. It was then learned that four individuals had secured themselves to the equipment using immobilization devices.

Dispersal orders were given to the group of demonstrators that were trespassing on pipeline property.

Most left the area but the

four individuals remained secured to the equipment. The individuals were locked through each track of the heavy equipment. A specialized cut team was dispatched to the scene to remove the individuals.

By approximately 5:37 p.m., all four individuals had been removed from the equipment. One needed to be cut and the remaining three freed themselves. All four individuals were offered medical treatment, but denied the request, they received no visible injuries in the removal process. All four individuals are being held in the Wadena County Jail on probable cause Tres-

pass and Obstructing Legal Process. The case will be reviewed by the Wadena County Attorney's Office for formal charges.

The individuals were identified as:

- Jackson Freasier, 29, of Austin, TX
- Matthew Kennedy, 25, of New Orleans, LA
- Christopher Kennedy, 25, of Liberty Hill, TX
- Sarah VanHorn, 22, of Brooklyn, NY

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the Hubbard and Beltrami County Sheriff's Offices, North Memorial Ambulance, and Tri-County Ambulance.

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• May 30, 1946 - Six students and their instructor, Mrs. Beulah Brichacek, of District 86 school in Moran township, were in Staples Monday afternoon, when they visited several of the business places as part of their visual education at the school.

They visited the greenhouse, the city library, the creamery, the city hall, the Staples World office, and ended up with a picnic at the Pine Grove Park in the late afternoon.

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Pupils who visited Staples with their teacher were Joy and Theron Tepley, Barbara Pipek, Donald Joe Dempsey, Martin Dykhoff, Mary Beth Tahoow, and Temple Johnson.

• May 30, 1946 - The Rev. S. B. Harrison, Missionary to West China, will speak at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Staples, May 21 through June 2. The West China Mission carries on work along the Nansu Tabetan Border and in Tibet.

• May 30, 1946 - Tower's Bootery advertises Boy's Canvas Play Shoes for \$1.75. Moccasin type or bicycle toe. Brown or olive drab colors with composition sole.

• May 30, 1946 - Fr. August Preusser, who has been the priest at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples since March 1945 has been transferred to Wait Park, near St. Cloud.

• May 30, 1946 - The Olympia Cafe, which for the past nine months has been under the ownership and management of Gust Koremenos and Gust Tsousis, who came here from Milwaukee, was sold by them the first of this week to William Collins, former restaurant operator of Staples. It will be closed for remodeling and redecorating for about three weeks, and will reopen near the 15th of June, under the ownership of Mr. Collins.

The plans of Mr. Koremenos and Mr. Tsousis are indefinite at the present time, but they will return to Milwaukee where Mr. Kore-

menos will spend some time with his aged father, who has been in a hospital for several weeks.

50 YEARS Ago - 1971

• June 3, 1971 - The installation of officers for the 1971-72 year will be installed at the meeting of the Staples Lions Club June 7, in the V.F.W. Hall.

John Stromberg of Wadena, Zone chairman for District 5M2, will be the installing officer.

Officers to be installed are Dr. T. J. Lelwica, president; James D. Randgaard, first vice-vice-president; Douglas Grossman, third vice-president; Vern Seipkes, secretary - treasurer; Frank Leidenfrost, Lion Tamer; Donald Dravis, Lion tail twister; Larry Huebner, assistant Lion tail twister; Charles Mayer and Dr. John Gorton, directors.

• June 3, 1971 - Mrs. Marjorie Evans will receive a Bachelor of Science degree. She has a major in elementary education with concentrations in music and special education. Mrs. Evans will be teaching sixth grade at the Staples Elementary School during the 1971-72 term.

• June 3, 1971 - Mrs. Alberta Irwin, fourth grade instructor at the Motley Public School, retired at the close of the present school term.

As she began her retirement, Mrs. Irwin brought to a close 24 years of teaching in the Motley school system. She taught in the high school as a substitute for several times and then assumed the fourth grade teaching position. Mrs. Irwin also had two years of teaching experience in North Dakota.

• June 3, 1971 - The Motley FFA Chapter elected officers for the 1971-72 year at its regular meeting held recently. They include: Loyal Craft, reporter; Jack Tangen, vice-president; Don Anderson, secretary; Kent Kraft, sentinel; Dennis Macheel, president; and Brad Irwin, treasurer. All the officers are seniors, except Craft, who will be a sophomore.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

• May 30, 1996 - Graduation week has come and gone for members of the class of 1996 at Staples



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our May 26, 2011 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Motley High School.

Commencement ceremonies were held Friday night, May 24, for the 132 members of the class at the high school gym.

Commencement speakers chosen by the senior class were class members Lori Rothstein and Nathan Gregg. Tom Honek, a parent and a sixth grade teacher, spoke as a parent representative.

High School Principal Bruce Pederson, along with school board members Mike Hajek and Ken Swecker, presented diplomas to the class members. Superintendent Ken Scarbrough introduced the speakers.

Music was presented by the high school concert orchestra, under the direction of John Wolak and the A cappella choir, directed by Stan Carlson. Rev. Peter Holm gave opening and closing remarks.

The week began with baccalaureate services May 19, at Faith Lutheran Church.

• May 30, 1996 - Staples Motley High School instructor Fred Baker was honored last week as Teacher of the Year by the 1996 graduates, one of whom is his daughter, Kari Baker.

• May 30, 1996 - The Staples Motley girls golf team won both the final Mid-Minn Conference meet and the season title with a strong showing May 23, at the Whitefish Country Club. All six Cardinal girls scored in the 40's as they won four of the six match play spots on the way to a team score of 185. The girls were Cory Henrikson, Tricia Schor-

nack, Rachael Hofer, Dana Hasselberg, Tiffany Peterson and Amanda Sorenson.

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

• June 2, 2011 - Ken LeVasseur gave the Memorial Day speech at Evergreen Cemetery in Staples. LeVasseur said that in recent years, there has been a new awareness and appreciation of the commitment of service men and women. He said Memorial Day is the day to show our tremendous gratitude to them.

• June 2, 2011 - Rehearsals are in full swing for "Pirates of Penzance," the Gilbert and Sullivan light opera which is being produced by Lamplighter Community Theatre of Staples. The show is under the direction of Pam Quance Harris and will be performed at Centennial Auditorium in Staples beginning June 23.

• June 2, 2011 - Approximately 25 bikers met at Staples Alliance Church May 29, for the annual 'Motorcycle Sunday,' sponsored by the church. The event included a blessing of the bikers, a free lunch, a ride through the countryside, and ice-cream sundaes at Pine Grove Park in Staples.

• June 2, 2011 - The annual garage sale hosted by the Assembly of God Church in Staples last week raised \$4,026, but the total is expected to reach \$5,000. The fundraiser is part of the church youth group's endeavors to raise money for their denomination's 'Speed the Light' missions program.

COVID continued from page 1a

Higher percentage

of residents who have been infected with COVID-19 infections, with 12.8 percent of the population diagnosed with the disease.

Todd County and Wadena County have 11.6 percent who have been infected by COVID-19 and Cass County has 9.4 percent.

By comparison, Hennepin County has 9.4 percent.

Deaths

Morrison County has recorded 60 deaths attributed to COVID-19, Todd County has 32, and Wadena County 22. Cass County has 32 deaths, with six of those in the past six weeks.

Going by population, Morrison County has the area's highest percentage of deaths with .18 percent of the population, or one out of every 556 residents, dying from the disease.

Cass County has the area's lowest percentage of COVID-19 deaths, with .11 percent, or one out of every 909 residents.

Todd County had .13 percent (1 of every 769 residents) and Wadena County had .16 percent (1 of every 625 residents) who died from COVID-19.

By comparison, Hennepin County has seen .14 percent of the population die from COVID-19, or one out

of every 714 residents.

Analysis

Hennepin County was the first place in Minnesota to record cases of COVID-19, while Wadena County was one of the last places, yet their numbers have turned out to be somewhat similar, with Wadena County having slightly higher percentages.

Hennepin County enacted stringent masking and social distancing policies, while area counties had sporadic masking. Most public events in the area enacted masking and social distancing precautions, and many meetings were held online. Some businesses were able to allow employees to work from home.

Several COVID-19 outbreaks in the area were linked to work situations, family gatherings and events that did not practice precautions.

As the number of cases remains low throughout the state, communities can start to use the data compiled to see how well the precautions have worked. It is still unknown if future outbreaks will occur more often in areas with lower vaccination rates. Statistics show that vaccinations reduce the severity of the virus.

Staples Police report

On May 12, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle that was spray painted over night in a hotel parking lot.

On May 12, Staples Police received a report of a suicidal subject. Police located the subject on the overpass and the subject agreed to go to Lakewood Hospital to get evaluated. Police transported the subject to Lakewood and left subject in their care.

On May 14, Staples Police responded to the 600 block of Wisconsin Avenue SE for the report of a domestic. Robert Mayer, 52, of Staples, was arrested for felony domestic assault by strangulation and felony terroristic threats.

On May 15, Staples Police arrested Patrick Almquist, 26, for 4th degree DWI.

On May 15, Staples Police assisted Lakewood Care Center with getting a resident who walked away. Police gave the resident and their nurse a ride back to the care center without incident.

On May 15, Staples Police responded to the 700 block of 5th Street NE for the report of someone pinned under a vehicle. Police arrived and found the subject no longer under the vehicle. It was learned the subject was fixing a tire and the truck fell off the jack onto their leg. Subject was transported by ambulance to Lakewood emergency room for a substantial leg injury.

Reported: On May 16, Staples Police responded to the 300 block of 8th Street NE for the report of a subject who found a beheaded bunny on his neighbor's doorstep.

On May 17, Staples Police

received a report of a theft at Debbie's plants sometime overnight. They had approximately \$300 in pepper, cabbage and zucchini plants stolen.

On May 18, Staples Police received a driving complaint which had started near the city of Baxter on MN State 210. The complainant, reported that a vehicle had been following them closely from Baxter to Staples, and the occupants had been giving them "the finger" and had followed them to where they had picked up their child from school. The SPD spoke with both subjects involved in the incident and they were both advised.

On May 18, Staples Police responded to the Pullman Townhomes, at 1120 6th Street NE, for a property damage complaint. Two vehicles had their rear windows damaged.

On May 21, Staples Police cited a student at Staples Motley High School that was found to be in possession of a vaping device.

On May 22, Staples Police responded to the 500 block of 8th St NE for a report of a hit and run vehicle accident. Police investigated the incident, and located a suspect vehicle. The owner of the vehicle admitted causing the damage to the other vehicle. Police noticed that the suspect vehicle could not have caused the damage, and continued to speak to the suspect. The suspect admitted to striking the parked vehicle with a baseball bat. Police spoke to the complainant, who didn't wish to pursue criminal damage to property charges against the subjects involved.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the May 16, 1996 edition of the Staples World, featured Betty Lee (left) and Doris Amundson, retiring employees who were being honored by the Staples Motley School District for their years of service. Lee taught at the elementary level for 18 years. Amundson was the secretary for community education for 8 1/2 years. Not available for the photo was Earl Mergens, a district employee for 32 years.

Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Betty Lee as well as the context of the photo, but guessed the other woman to be Corinne Adamietz. Wolak also mentioned that she, Lee and Marge Evans made up the third grade team at Staples-Motley Elementary (formerly North Elementary) "teaching many years together to classes of lively eight-year-olds. Both the late Marge Evans and Betty were my mentors as I began my first year on staff in 1984. Thanks, Betty, for your support and all of the good memories."

Michelle Lundquist of Staples correctly identified Betty Lee, but guessed Doris Amundson to be former teacher Gail Magnuson.

Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Correction

In the May 26 article on the Dollars For Scholars awards should have read:

The Harold Griffiths Scholarships, the three biggest awards of the night, went to Beck Erholtz, a four year scholarship, Cole Winkels, a four year health occupation and Alex Giza, a two year award.

The Staples World regrets the error.

Harold Griffiths was a Motley High School graduate who joined the Merchant Marines. He died on Feb. 13, 2021, at the age of 94.

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Celebrating the CLC Class of 2021

Dr. Hara Charlier
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College

Central Lakes College recently finished celebrating our graduates with an astonishing eight commencement ceremonies. That’s right – eight separate ceremonies.

While this may sound like a lot (and it was) we did so to celebrate our students in a way they truly deserve.

Held prior to the mask mandate being lifted, our ceremonies were spread over a week. While each ceremony was for graduates only to ensure social distancing, we premiered the recorded events nightly so our students could go home to watch the ceremony and celebrate with their families.

More than 350 students participated both in person and virtually. Further, there are more than 5,600 views on our premiere events on YouTube and Facebook. So many people felt connected to this graduating class and wanted to celebrate in their successes. This class of incredible students has given back in so many ways. And while they came to us to expand their knowledge and grow, education is always

bidirectional; we’ve learned from the class of 2021.

Resilience

This class was able to stand up, to persevere, to push through the face of hardship. These students prioritized their education, with complicated lives and in the face of situations never before seen or imagined. Many faced tremendous life challenges, profound loss, mental and physical health issues and family and life stressors. These students didn’t give up. They didn’t stop. They believed in themselves.

The class of 2021 reminded us that perfection is not a requirement for success. This year, our students helped us celebrate both imperfection and success. We live in an imperfect world, a fact that has never been clearer. Our students faced challenges and pushed through, albeit imperfectly, and came out victorious.

This year, instructors have shared that many students were willing the open up about their struggles. Students have reached out to faculty to share that life is hard and while their work might not be perfect, they care and are determined. What an honor it is to watch these courageous students

succeed. It’s a lesson to all of us that no one needs to chase perfection.

Finally, the class of 2021 reminded us that kindness matters – particularly in today’s world. This year, in the midst of all that our students dealt with, they’ve have shown tremendous caring and compassion for fellow students and CLC employees. The fact that CLC graduates are kind and compassionate makes us very proud. Our students – everyone – have the power to make a difference in peoples’ lives.

As this class goes out into the world to do amazing things, they join the network of more than 40,000 CLC alumni. We encourage each graduate to stay connected through the CLC Foundation: www.clcmn.edu/alumni/.

To the class of 2021: Some of you are going into the workplace, others onto another college and some of you might not be sure. That’s ok. Remember you are resilient, you need not be perfect, and you make a difference in people’s lives. Whatever your path, we’ll be watching, cheering you on. Congratulations, class of 2021.

Quote of the week

“We must have ideals and try to live up to them, even if we never quite succeed. Life would be a sorry business without them. With them, it’s grand and great.”
— Lucy Maud Montgomery

Importance of micropolitans

By Becky McCray
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The US needs a secure food supply, ongoing conservation and restoration work in natural areas, reliable production of natural resources and controlled access to nature for recreation. That means we need people living in small towns and rural places, and those rural people rely on micropolitan, nanopolitan and picopolitan areas to provide services and support necessary for their everyday lives.

Micropolitans

Micropolitans are key to rural America’s prosperity. They are regional centers of employment, higher education, retail shopping, health care and other essential services for tens of thousands of rural people in their trade areas.

Micropolitans gained attention in 2020 and 2021 as people relocated from dense urban areas to less crowded urban places, leading to the term Zoom Towns for attracting more rural remote workers.

Economic developers have started paying more attention to micropolitans as big opportunities for business growth.

With over 500 of them, not all micropolitans are the same. Some micropolitans are stronger economically than others.

Nanopolitans, picopolitans

Small towns between 1,000 and 10,000 people nanopolitans, and towns under 1,000 are picopolitan areas.

These towns serve as regional trade centers with limited retail, employment

and services. These smaller centers often rely on nearby micropolitans for a more expanded set of services, especially higher education and health care.

The further people are spread apart in surrounding areas, the more these small population centers play a driving role in their regional economy. The further communities are from major metropolitan or larger micropolitan areas, the more the people will rely on their small population centers for services.

Economic developers are paying increased attention to the opportunities in nanopolitan towns and picopolitan towns.

How many people live in nanopolitan or picopolitan towns?

It’s hard to say for sure, because there are no official government definitions of these terms. Also, the Census Bureau definitions of rural vs. urban places and the Office of Management and Budget definition of core urban areas don’t line up.

By taking totals from different and not necessarily comparable reports, at least 21 million people live in smaller towns between 2,500 (the upper limit of “rural” for the Census Bureau) and 10,000 (the lower limit for “micropolitan” for the Office of Management and Budget).

Definitions

The term “micropolitan” has only been used by the US government since 2003. It is defined by the US Office of Management and Budget as a concentrated or core urban area with at least 10,000

people but fewer than 50,000 people. A micropolitan area includes this core urban area, its central county or counties, and any adjoining counties that contribute a significant number of commuters. Officially, there are more than 540 micropolitan areas with a population of over 27 million.

In January 2021, the Office of Management and Budget proposed raising the minimum size for a core micropolitan area from 50,000 to 100,000. That would cut 144 cities out of micropolitan status and reclassifying them as micropolitans, affecting 18 million people.

This would cause a complicated set of changes, as the affected cities would no longer qualify for a whole range of US federal programs, but might qualify for other programs targeted to non-metropolitan areas. There is no one list of all the federal programs and funding streams that would change for the individual cities.

Will this reclassification happen? Since it was a last day proposal by one presidential administration, it may or may not be taken up by the following administration.

If that does happen, the term “minipolitan” could be applied to towns between 50,000 and 100,000. (“Mini” is sometimes applied to larger values than “micro” when used as a size prefix.) Maybe that’s why the OMB started their classification of smaller-than-metropolitan areas with micropolitan, leaving room for an eventual minipolitan classification.

TCHC hospital construction begins

By Joel Beiswenger
President & CEO, Tri-County
Health Care, Wadena

Building a new facility is one of the crowning achievements of my professional life. I’ve reflected on the time I’ve invested in this organization and what it means to the area. My entry into this industry started with the first large addition to the then-new hospital in Wadena. That was way back in 1987 and things have changed a lot since. I have been around to observe the evolution of Tri-County Health Care, from a modest health care center to a thriving medical organization with many primary care and specialty service offerings. I never want it to stop; I want us to continue to grow and innovate. Wadena and the surrounding area deserve the best patient experience possible and this new facility will provide just that.

Tri-County Health Care has seen many additions, renovations and redesigns. It had become a bit of a running joke: “When will Tri-County ever be done building? Probably never.” All of these projects have made us uniquely qualified to lead Tri-County Health Care into the brave new future. However, every project

has its hiccups and we’ve seen our fair share. The last few years have certainly taught my staff and I about the value of resilience.

This project is massive. Although I do have experience building new facilities, this one goes beyond anything I’ve done in the past. Purchasing the land, extending utilities, and assisting with the design of the rural health care center of the future has been one of the most exciting but challenging things I’ve ever done.

Doing this during a pandemic was not always pleasant. I like to find the silver lining in situations like this. The pandemic allowed us to learn more about airborne illnesses and we used this knowledge to rethink our air filtration system to allow for an even safer environment. The pandemic has forced everyone to ask the question, what is really important in the arena of healthcare?

Anyone who has taken on a project like this is all too familiar with the pitfalls. One of the most challenging hurdles has been securing financing. With a multi-million-dollar project, it’s easy to run into issues on the financial side of things. Imagine the challenges encountered

when getting a small business or home loan and multiply that by 100. With the added uncertainty the pandemic brought and the strain on financial channels, I’m proud to say everything worked out.

An organization of our size requires a certain level of flexibility as we continue to grow. This new facility and the land it’s being built on will allow us to expand and build more easily. No longer landlocked, we can build outward as our future dictates. There is even room for more buildings. This new site will ease our growing pains as we continue to assimilate new staff and patients into the Tri-County family.

New buildings are great, but in the end, no amount of fancy masonry or polished glass will replace the people and the culture. I find it interesting when employees leave Tri-County Health Care for other opportunities and they often come back saying they miss their co-workers and our top-tier approach to creating a family-like atmosphere at work. As we find our new home, our culture will remain the same. Tri-County Health Care is about people and putting your care before anything else.

Sylvan Township Heritage Grant contract awarded

On April 1, Sylvan Township (Cass County) awarded the contract for the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Cultural Literature Review and Report to Nienow Cultural Consultants LLC. Invaluable, centuries-old cultural resources in the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape (CRSL) area will get a closer look under a new study funded by the Minnesota Historical Society. This award begins that process with Dr. Jeremy Nienow, Ph.D., RPA the Principal Investigator and team of cultural resource professionals gathering data from the region.

“Nienow Cultural Consultants LLC (NCC) is pleased to be working with Sylvan Township on this innovative, large-scale grant project. Based in the great

er Twin Cities area, NCC is a group of professional archaeologists and historians collectively working to complete a wide variety of consultation projects. Many of their projects are publicly oriented and they have worked on dozens of Legacy Grant awards over the past several years.” said Nienow.

The goal of this project is to more fully understand and appreciate the cultural elements which make up the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape program area to foster better awareness, interpretation and protection of cultural sites within the CRSL. Work on this grant will involve gathering detailed information about known archaeological sites and historic standing structures within the project area by working with state agencies and visiting local historical societies. As this information grows, it will be built into a GIS database, allowing researchers and land managers to identify areas where future development could impact important archaeological and historic spaces. NCC hopes to make the database as inclusive as possible with information from the 1950s stretching back to 10,000 years ago. Sites of local, state, and national significance will all be treated equally as well as locations of Euro-American and Native American importance.

Interested avocational archaeologists and historians, and other members of the public, who may have information about the project area are encouraged to contact NCC’s Principal Investigator, Jeremy Nienow at jeremy.nienow@gmail.com.

On January 27, Sylvan Township in Cass County, Minnesota published a Request for Proposals to hire a consultant to conduct a comprehensive archaeological and historic literature

assessment of the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape, an 805,000 acre area in a ten mile radius around Camp Ripley Military Reservation. The purpose of this large project is to gather information about known and suspected sites that tell the story of the region’s history.

On December 1, 2020, Sylvan Township accepted an award of \$130,000 from the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants program. Source funding for this grant was the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund administered by the Minnesota Historical Society. The purpose of the grant is to contract a comprehensive literature review of cultural resources and mapping of the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape (CRSL) to include parts of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, and Todd Counties.

The CRSL partnership is supporting Sylvan Township in the development and administration of this grant project with a goal of bringing greater cultural awareness, protection and management to significant cultural sites. The 805,000-acre CRSL project area represents many river confluences and geologic corridor features vital to human communities since the last glacial period in Minnesota.

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GRRL kicks off summer reading program

Get ready to color your world this summer with Great River Regional Library's 2021 Summer Reading Program.

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) will kick off the annual Summer Reading Program (SRP) on Mon., June 7, continuing through Sat., August 7.

Registration begins June 7 and can be done in the Beanstack app, visiting griver.beanstack.org, or by visiting your local library during open hours. Hours can be found at griver.org/locations. Participants can track their reading in the Beanstack app or by using a paper slip, which can be returned to any manual book drop. Participants will also be eligible for prize drawings at the end of the program. Each branch offers a unique assortment of SRP prizes.

This summer's theme is Reading Colors Your World. The broad motif of "colors" provides a context for exploring humanity, nature, culture, and science, as well as developing programming that demonstrates how libraries and reading can expand your world through kindness, growth, and community. Library users young and old will be encouraged to be creative, try new things, explore art, and find beauty in diversity. The program is open to all kids,

ages 0-18 and is divided into three categories: pre-readers (ages 0-3), ages 3 to 12 and teens.

Our mission of the program is simple: Encourage children and teens to read throughout the summer! Summer reading isn't just fun; it's extremely beneficial. Regular reading goes far in combating the "summer slide," the phenomenon of students losing academic footing during a long academic break. Students who join public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than

those who did not participate - in some cases, significantly higher.

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Catholic Charities: June meal distributions

Catholic Charities Senior Dining has organized frozen meal distribution pop-up locations for the month of June across Central Minnesota, with meals for seniors age 60 and over available at 26 locations, including:

- Wadena - Thursday, June 3, 1 - 2 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 403 2nd St. SE.
- Pillager - Thursday, June 10, noon - 4 p.m., Pillager Area Family Center, 305 Fir Ave.
- Staples - Thursday, June 17, 2 - 4 p.m., Lakewood Health System Main Cam-

pus parking lot, near Farmer's Market.

These healthy and nutritious frozen meals meet one-third of the recommended daily allowance for seniors, and are packaged in oven-safe containers that are easy to heat and eat in both conventional and microwave ovens. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month. Participants must complete an annual registration form. There is no cost to participate; however, donations will be accepted.

Staples-Motley school board

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a Work Session Monday, June 7 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

Any individual or groups who wish to be on the Community Forum, must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon the Friday prior to the board meeting date.

On the agenda is the School Improvement Plan - Phase I.

Upcoming meeting schedule and dates:

Mon., June 28: Regular Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.; District Office

Mon., July 12: Board Work Session; 6:00 p.m.; District Office

Mon., July 19: Regular Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.; District Office

Mon., Aug. 2: Board Work Session; 6:00 p.m.; District Office

Mon., Aug. 23: Regular Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m. District Office

Mark Your Calendar

June 3

STAPLES SERENITY AA GROUP Mtgs are held at the Staples Assembly of God Church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Masks required. For more info., 320-874-0979.

June 7

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

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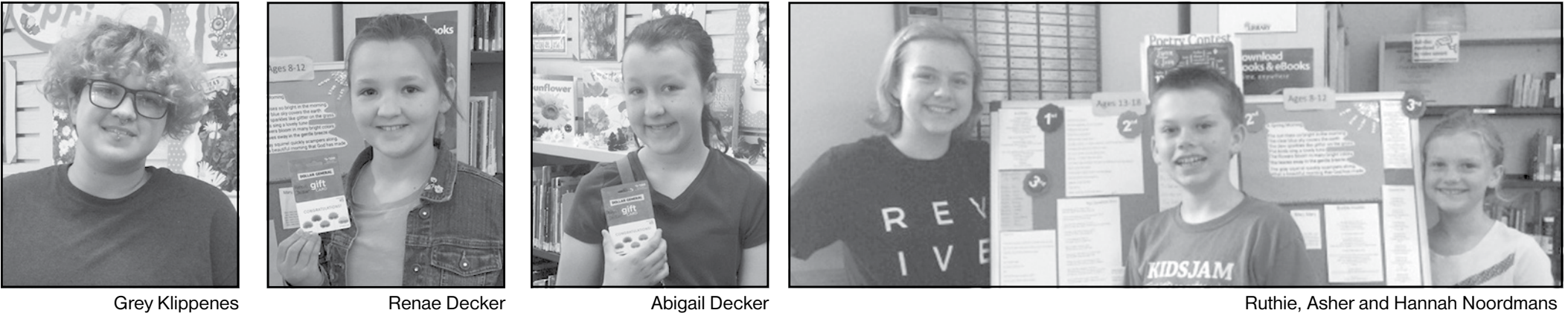
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2021 poetry winners announced at Staples Public Library

The annual poetry contest was held at the Staples Public Library during April, National Poetry Month. Winners received gift cards from local businesses, sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. The poems are on display at the library.

13-18 age group winners: Ruthie Noordmans, \$50, 1st place; Grey Klippenes, \$30, 2nd place; Andria Dolezal (not pictured), \$20, 3rd place.

8-12 age group: Renae Decker, \$50, 1st place; Abigail Decker, \$30, 2nd place; Asher Noordmans, \$20, third place.

All participants received a \$5 DQ gift card.

SHS Class of 1981 to hold reunion in August

The Staples High School Class of 1981 will hold their 40th reunion on Friday, Aug. 20, at Lefty's in Staples beginning at 7 p.m.

The celebration takes place during Railroad Days. Class members are asked to help spread the word to other classmates.

Student Achievements

ADAM NURNBERGER, Motley, recently graduated summa cum laude from Minnesota State University Moorhead with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Services Administration.

HEIDI STORRY, Staples, recently graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. (Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing) degree.

Auditions set for Brainerd Community Theatre's "Xanadu: The Musical"

Auditions for Brainerd Community Theatre's summer production of 'Xanadu: The Musical' will be held Weds., June 2 at 7 p.m. at the Chalberg Theatre on the Brainerd campus of Central Lakes College.

Based on the 1980 movie of the same title, 'Xanadu: The Musical' follows the journey of a magical, beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mount Olympus to Venice Beach, California. Kira's quest to inspire Sonny, a struggling artist whose dream is to build the greatest Roller Disco of all time (hello 1980!) is derailed with hilarity and chaos when she is sabotaged by her jealous older sisters whose curse causes Kira to fall in love with a mortal,

something expressly forbidden for a Muse.

This parody is a jukebox musical that features the chart-topping tunes of Electric Light Orchestra (ELO) and Olivia Newton-John and is a bona fide 80s blast! There are 9 to 11 roles available for the show. Those auditioning should come with a rock or pop song prepared (1 verse and chorus required only), and should be prepared to sing to a karaoke track that they bring or that can be played from Apple Music, provided by director Amy Borash.

Questions about the production or the auditions can be forwarded to Amy at aimsleyb@brainerd.net The production is slated for outdoor performances July 28-30 and August 3-5.

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In the May 26 issue of the Staples World 2021 Graduation Special Edition, Jaxen Waterman's parent and future plans were incorrectly listed. The World regrets the error.

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WEDNESDAY:
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Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

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Saturday.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
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stead we are told here to love them; which not only includes the kindness and respect already mentioned, but also forgiveness.

"But they don't deserve forgiveness," we say. Neither do we. Yet God, has in Christ loved us sacrificially, forgiving us our sin because of his sacrificial death on the cross. It is because of and in light of this forgiveness that Paul says to us: "love one another with brotherly affection, outdo one another in showing honor. "

He does not say that this is easy, but it was not easy for Christ to die for us. And here Paul is telling us to die a little to ourselves so that we might live for Christ by loving and honoring those around us.

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Golf action

Mallory Uselman tees off for the Cardinal girls golf team.



Elementary track and field day

Staples-Motley fourth and fifth graders enjoyed running, jumping and throwing.



Cardinal boys get six firsts to win track meet

The Staples-Motley boys team scored points in 16 of the 18 events at the Park Rapids meet on May 25, including six first place finishes. The top eight places scored points in each event. The Cardinals took first and second in the two shortest races and the two longest races. Hunter Miller jumped 5'10" to win the high jump and the 4x100 relay team placed first.

The Cardinals placed third in the girls meet, with the distance runners scoring the most points. The hurdlers and throwers improved to make a big impact for Staples-Motley.

Team results

Girls results

Park Rapids 172, Thief River Falls 154, Staples-Motley 146, Crosby-Ironton 105, Pine River-Backus 55, Trek North 10

100 - 10. Avery Japke 15.09, 19. Serena Petralia 15.97
200 - 14. Jorja Kobliska 31.09, 23. Petralia 35.15

400 - 1. Aften Robinson 1:01
800 - 3. Ashley Robben 2:35, 6. Addison Lorber 2:52, 13. Addison Cichos 3:04

1,600 - 1. Kyanna Burton 5:31, 2. Audrey Brownell 5:33, 4. Naila Mikhaeil 6:11, 8. Sabina Moe 6:37, 9. Addisyn Cichos 6:39
3,200 - 1. Burton 11:51, 2. Mikhaeil 13:24

100 hurdles - 3. Bailey Weiland 18.97, 5. Leah Danilyuk 19.30

300 hurdles - 5. Japke 59.52, 6. Weiland 59.60, 7. Lauren Rutten 1:00

4x100 - 3. SM 56.50
4x200 - 3. SM 2:06
4x400 - 2. SM 4:20
4x800 - 1. SM 10:47

High jump - 7. Brownell 4'2", 7. Rutten 4'2", 12. Kobliska 4'0"
Pole vault - 8. Kobliska 6'0"
Long jump - 5. Weiland 13'1", 9. Cami Anderson 12'3", 16. Maddison Bartle 11'2"

Triple jump - 10. Kobliska 27'7", 15. Madysen Hull 25'5"
Shot put - 1. Tabettha Allen 32'1", 4. Hull 37'7", 6. Grace Jennissen 25'3", 18. Frankie Hanson 16'7"

Discus - 4. Jennissen 89'4", 5. Hull 82'4", 6. Allen 80'9"

Boys results

Staples-Motley 164, Park Rapids 147, Crosby-Ironton 131, Thief River Falls 128, Pine River-Backus 69, Trek North 10

100 - 1. Remington Converse 11.18, 2. Corey Hansen 11.78, 9. Austin Weite 12.12, 11. Ashton Johnson 12.30, 18. Connor Judd 12.62, 20. Ramiro Gallardo 12.93, 25. Avandre



Winning relay

Ashton Johnson hands off to Austin Weite in the 4x100 relay.

Brandt 13.27, 28. Chase Mikel 14.15, 29. Conner Kuhns 14.40, 32. Turner Beachy 14.81, 33. Steven Petrich 14.84

200 - 1. Converse 23.62, 2. Hansen 24.05, 19. Judd 27.16, 26. Eli Carlson 29.52, 28. Beachy 30.06, 29. Kuhns 30.25

400 - 4. Lyle Brownell 57.24, 10. Benjamin Long 1:00, 11. Blake Neelan 1:01, 12. Gallardo 1:01, 15. William Dolezal 1:03, 16. Odin Trif 1:05

800 - 7. Grant Johnson 2:26, 8. Dillan Robben 2:28, 10. Ly. Brownell 2:31, 11. Dolezal 2:33, 13. Luke Brownell 2:39

1,600 - 1. Emmet Anderson 4:43, 2. Issiah Tabatt 4:55, 7. D. Robben 5:27, 8. G. Johnson 5:29, 9. Lu. Brownell 5:30, 12. Blaine Plattner 5:56

3,200 - 1. Anderson 10:02, 2. Logan Robben 11:11, 5. Plattner 13:48

110 hurdles - 4. Thein Nguyen 21.87
300 hurdles - 4. Tanner

Robben 48.96, 6. Nguyen 51.72, 8. Brandt 53.40

4x100 - 1. SM 45.93
4x200 - 4. SM 1:42
4x400 - 6. SM 3:59
4x800 - 3. SM 8:56

High jump - 1. Hunter Miller 5'10", 5. Dakota Hennagir 5'2", 5. L Robben 5'2"

Pole vault - 12. Kuhns 7'0", 12. Mikel 7'0", 12. Beachy 7'0", 12. Owen Winter 7'0"

Long jump - 3. T. Robben 17'9", 5. Converse 17'1", 17. Trif 13'1", 20. Dolezal 12'4", 22. Caden Dobson 11'11"

Triple jump - 5. Noah Greenwaldt 36'2", 10. Gallardo 30'7", 12. Sawyer Ferdon 29'10", 15. Nguyen 27'11", 15. Mikel 27'11"

Shot put - 4. Bendeguz Pali 37'9", 13. Ferdon 29'8", 14. Carlson 29'2", 16. Steven Petrich 27'2", 19. Neelan 24'6"

Discus - 9. Pali 93'3", 12. Ferdon 78'3", 17. Carlson 68'0", 18. Petrich 67'8"



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Intentional learning

Kirsten Rude holds her son Henry while she goes through a book about camouflage with, from left, Reed, Harrison, Ryan and Aaron. Organic Roots

Schoolhouse will teach intentional thought practices and Rude said she might incorporate yoga and other practices. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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School to hike in nature every day

gave some hints of what types of projects they could create that involved camouflage, and let them choose their own project. Some painted pictures, one made a lean-to shelter, others worked with wood to create a scene with animals figures. “I call it an invitation to play but it is actually an invitation to learn, a time to use your imagination,” Rude said. Reading and math lessons will be added to every unit. Rude said higher level math concepts such as the Fibonacci sequence and the golden ratio are found in

nature and can be used to study how nature works. Rude plans to have daily hikes and explorations. Students will be able to forage and identify plants and animals. Students will participate in life lessons, such as helping prepare their food, growing a garden and collecting eggs from the chickens on the property. As another example of how to integrate nature into learning, Rude had the children play a tag game where each student chose an animal card that listed their diets and traits, and the students had to figure out which other animals

they could tag to survive. They also had adaptation suggestions on how not to get eaten, such as traveling in a group. The school’s website, organicrootsschoolhouse.com, has more information on the type of education Rude is offering. She plans to start full time this fall. Organic Roots Schoolhouse is currently collecting shoes for an organization that sends them to people in need. She has a drop off site at Ernie’s Grocery in Staples, for gently used shoes with no holes. Proceeds from the shoe drive will go to the school.



Variety of nature projects

Henry, Aaron, Ryan and Reed work on creating their own individual projects.

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Reminder of women who are missing

decrease every year. If the United States wants to still have a representation of its native people, they need to take seriously these cases of murdered and missing Indigenous women. She believes the red dress project began in Canada, but has now made its way to the United States. The scarlet color was chosen because it’s believed that red is the color that their

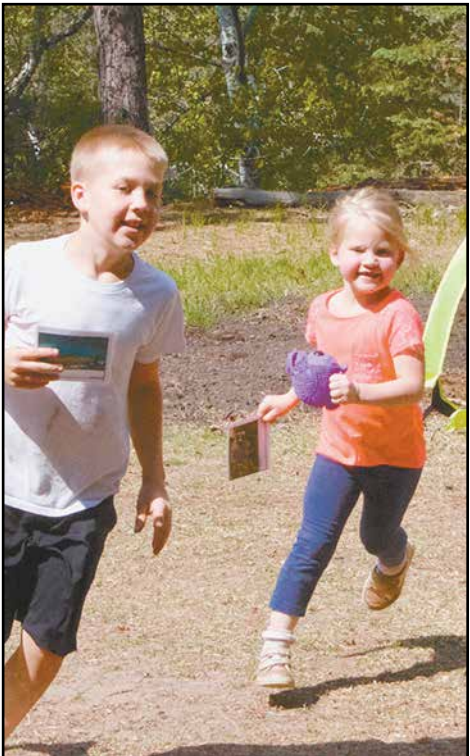
ancestors’ spirits can see... they hope to call to all those women who are missing and be able to lay them to rest. Domita is hoping to add even more red dresses to the three along Highway 64. “That’s all I could find,” she said, going on to mention she’d welcome donations from others. If anyone has a red dress they’d like to donate toward this cause,

Domita said they could just drop them off by the others and she’ll make sure they get hung up in the trees. The plight of the Indigenous people may not be at the forefront of news these days, but Domita hopes they will not be forgotten. Perhaps a red dress will serve as a reminder of the thousands of Indigenous women who have been murdered or are missing.



What to do at forest school

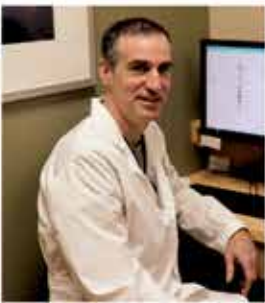
Right, Harrison Rude shows a bark mask he made, below, Henry Rude puts some glue on a piece of wood to make an airplane. Below right, Shelby chases Aaron in a game of animal tag, where one animal can be a predator and the other the prey. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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