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Railroad Days smokeshow

A new Railroad Days parade entry from Holst Acres combined smoke and bubbles, leading observers to chase the smoke-filled bubbles along the parade route, below. See more parade photos on page 11 a. (Photos by Mark Anderson)



Active downtown for Railroad Days



Youth found active opportunities during Railroad Days, including basketball shooting and high flying bounce trampoline. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Downtown builders

A popular Railroad Days booth was for children to build a wooden tool box, with the help of adults. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 23	92	65	Sunny
Aug. 24	86	58	M. Sunny
Aug. 25	80	56	Sunny
Aug. 26	77	56	M. Sunny
Aug. 27	78	55	P. Cloudy
Aug. 28	79	56	P. Sunny
Aug. 29	78	55	Sunny

Last Year, 2022			
	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 23	80°	61	M. Sunny
Aug. 24	79	62	M. Sunny
Aug. 25	74	63	Cloudy
Aug. 26	77	54	Sunny
Aug. 27	78	65	Cloudy
Aug. 28	80	64	M. Cloudy
Aug. 29	75	60	Sunny

Average Temps:
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Stay cool & have a great weekend.

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Remembering ‘Top Hand’ Jacob Borgstrom

Kindhearted victim of cyber bullying

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Jacob Borgstrom would most likely have been the first to congratulate Haven Pope on receiving the “Top Hand Award” at the Pillager Fair this past July 15.

Oh, yes, that’s the sort of person he was, said Kelly Mosberger, the judge for this year’s inaugural award, named for the young ranch hand who’d left this earth unexpectedly a month prior; just shy of his 20th birthday, July 30. He’d been a victim of cyber bullying.

She’d known him since he was a little kid, Mosberger said of Borgstrom, noting the many years Jacob had been a part of the Pillager Fair...both as a competitor and helper at the horse arena. He loved it all.

He brought so many good values to the fair, Mosberger went on. “Jacob would always be helping in the arena, and saying ‘Good luck,’ to every person competing.” He was one of those people who did a lot of things behind the scenes, too, to ensure everything went smoothly. And above all, he was kind.

Those are the sorts of values she looked for, when tasked with selecting someone for the 2023 Jacob Borgstrom Top Hand Award, Mosberger said.

When her name was called, 15-year-old Pope of Staples was visibly moved. It was the first year she and her horse, Amir, had competed at the fair, and to receive this award named for a fellow rider who’d been so loved and respected in this arena was overwhelming.

The idea for the “Top Hand Award” came from Greg Booth and Vickie Kettlewell, owners of Sunup Ranch in Brainerd, where Jacob had worked for the past three years.

“We wanted to do something to recognize Jacob and his participation at the Pillager Fair...something that would carry on and remember him for many years,” Booth said.

Jacob had been a big part of Sunup Ranch, Booth went on, noting his help in a number of areas, as well as the joy he helped spread along the way. “His dream had been to one day own a ranch,” Booth said of the young man who’d become his friend.

Jacob and her husband had bonded over their love of music, and were both “fix-it” guys, Kettlewell said. “They shared so much,” she added.

As she thought about the name ‘Top Hand,’ Kettlewell felt it was a title that described Jacob perfectly. “He was so versatile,” she said, adding, “He always finished a job, and he completed it well.”

In addition to his work ethic, Jacob always brought a lot of humor, energy and ideas to Sunup Ranch. “Having fun while working is a ‘Jacob trait,’” Booth said. “Having him around just made the work go fast - not always easy work, but

definitely enjoyable when Jacob was helping.”

He was always singing, too, Booth went on. “He would sing while operating the skid-steer, his voice rising above the noise of the machine so that everyone could hear.” Jacob was set to perform at their annual ‘Harvest Dinner’ this fall at the ranch, just he and his guitar. Most likely, he would have sung some of his favorite country tunes, as well as an original or two that were gaining attention in the music world.

But that was not to be. Reminders of Jacob were in abundance at this year’s Pillager Fair. Ten units representing the ranch hand took part in the Saturday morning parade...dozens walking, others riding horses, tractors, or sitting on top a flatbed trailer. They carried banners sporting Jacob’s picture, with the message, “We Stand With Jacob.” Blue and yellow wristbands bore the same message, along with the words, “Be kind next time.” One couple carried a stereo playing the up-and-coming country singer’s tune, “Walk Away.”

A horse with a saddle, but no rider, walked as part of a cavalcade in the parade. It was Jacob’s horse, Ruger. Jacob’s older sister, Kaitlyn, rode alongside, holding the reins as her brother once had. Jacob’s uncle, Gary Kort, was also in the parade, driving the old John Deere tractor his nephew had restored. Just the previous year, Jacob had it on display at the fair. He’d posed for the paper, along with his granddad, both smiling at the tractor that ran like a charm.

Life looked promising in 2022. Jacob had just graduated from Brainerd High School, was set to study diesel mechanics at Central Lakes College in Staples, had a job he loved at Sunup Ranch, and was getting positive feedback as a country music singer/songwriter.

That all changed in July of 2022, just a few days after the Pillager Fair, when Jacob was involved in a serious vehicle accident.

Jacob’s dad, Brandon Borgstrom, shared on social media that Jacob’s vehicle had struck another vehicle from behind and the other driver was severely injured. Brandon went on to say that no drugs or alcohol were involved, and that Jacob had surrendered his phone at the scene, confident he was not viewing it at the time of the accident.

Brandon shared that while paramedics were assisting the other driver who was still in his car, his son was on his knees praying for the man’s recovery.

Watching the other driver being treated, and hearing him cry out at the scene, was something that haunted Jacob, Brandon said. And upon learning the severity of the man’s injuries, Jacob carried guilt and shame with him for the next, and last, 11 months of his life.

In January of 2023, Jacob was booked and charged



Missing his master

Kaitlyn Borgstrom, on horse at left, led her late brother Jacob's horse, Ruger, in the Pillager Parade July 15. The saddle was empty...the first time in many years that Jacob, who'd passed away a month earlier, was

not a part of the parade cavalcade. Others representing the kindhearted ranch hand carried banners and wore T-shirts with the message, “We Stand With Jacob.” Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Bittersweet moment

The family of the late Jacob Borgstrom were on hand to congratulate the recipient of the ‘Top Hand’ Award, named in honor of their son and brother, who passed away June 15, 2023. Jacob had been the victim of cyber bullying. Pictured,

from left, are Jacob’s dad, Brandon Borgstrom; his sister, Kaitlyn; and his mother, Amy; Greg Booth and Vickie Kettlewell of Sunup Ranch in Brainerd, sponsors of the award; and Haven Pope of Staples, the award recipient, along with her horse Amir.

with felony criminal vehicular operation because of the severity of the injuries sustained by the other driver. The following May, his son pled guilty, Brandon shared, in hopes of reduced jail time and an offer for stay of imposition.

Brandon went on to share that Jacob was remorseful and respectful throughout the plea hearing. He’d tried to clarify that he’d not been on his phone at the time of the accident, but had little memory of moments leading up to it.

Jacob had wanted to reach out to the injured man’s family, but did not know how, Brandon said. Then, after Jacob was charged, the Borgstroms had been counseled not to have any contact. All they could do was pray for the other family’s recovery and healing...something they will continue to do, Brandon said.

While Jacob awaited sentencing, he continued working, attending college and performing his music. Some may have interpreted that to mean he was not remorseful for his actions that fateful day in July.

Far from the truth, say those who knew him best.

Brandon went on to share that shortly before his death, Jacob had been threatened and forced to

leave a concert at which he’d been booked. He’d also faced a barrage of negative comments on social media... comments that seemed to spread like wildfire, without regard for knowing the whole story, or that their words had potential to be lethal. “People willing to judge and sentence him without knowing him broke my heart and broke his spirit,” Brandon said. “Now we know the demons he was fighting.”

Brandon began his post by saying, “Thursday, June 15, we said goodbye to our sweet, strong, talented, thoughtful, kind, driven, Jesus-loving, 19-year-old son, Jacob Borgstrom...”

They are devastated by the loss of their son and brother. They are grieved, as well, for the other family, who experienced tragedy due to their beloved Jacob’s unintended actions.

“What do we do now?” Brandon had asked in his post. He answered by saying the best way to support Jacob, and to prevent tragedies like this from occurring, is to “speak out against distracted driving and/or bullying.”

And, be kind.

Shortly before his death, Jacob poured out his soul in a song he wrote, sharing it on TikTok. He sang of hoping someday that people

wouldn’t hate him, that they would like him for the songs he sang. “*But until then...*” he belted in the chorus, “*...I’ll keep running, running in my head, pray-*

“*Speak out against distracted driving and/or bullying,*”
Brandon Borgstrom

ing one day, one day again I’ll be happy in this world, this world full of sin, man, I was once a kid, now I’m 19, and I’m full of pain, full of sorrow, chasing my dream... where the grass is greener.”

Jacob is missed terribly by all who knew him, as was evidenced by the outpouring of love and support at his home-going service at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Baxter, the Lakes Jam Music Festival at which he’d been slated to perform, and his beloved Pillager Fair, which will continue to honor him in years to come. His family and friends are grateful for this, and want Jacob to be remembered for the kindhearted young man that he was.

It’s not the same at Sunup Ranch these days without Jacob there, singing his heart out while fixing fences, putting up hay and working on machinery. If there are jobs to do in Heaven, rest assured God smiled when the Top Hand from Minnesota arrived to help at the Celestial Ranch, located right where the grass is surely greener.



Earlier fair days

The Borgstrom siblings from Pillager have been synonymous with the Pillager Fair, having been part of the horse show at the arena for several years. Pictured in 2009, from left, are five-year-old Jacob Borgstrom, with his horse D.J., and 11-year-old Kaitlyn Borgstrom, with Dia. (Staples World archive photo)



Sharing memories

Carly Smith (left) of Staples, riding Ruger (the horse belonging to the late Jacob Borgstrom), and Kaitlyn Borgstrom of Pillager, riding Sunshine, were participants at the Pillager Fair’s horse show July 15. They’ve both been actively involved at the fair since they were children, and have shared many memories along the way. This year’s fair was difficult, with the recent passing of Jacob...Carly’s friend and Kaitlyn’s brother.

Staples Police report

Aug. 7, Staples Police were dispatched to Ernie's Food Market on report of a fight between a male and female. Officers were advised that the female half was having a mental health episode. The female was detained in the rear of a patrol vehicle as officers spoke to the involved parties. The female subject urinated in the patrol vehicle and began to expose herself to members of the public. The female was soon taken to the hospital by police for a mental health evaluation.

Aug. 8, around 1:40 a.m., Staples Police were dispatched to the Timberlake Hotel for a report of a suspicious person who was in the bathroom. Police spoke with the subject, who appeared to be having some mental health issues. Police gave the subject a ride to the hospital at their request.

Aug. 10, Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 6th St. SE for a report of a runaway juvenile. The juvenile was eventually returned home by officers.

Aug. 10, Staples Police received a call of a dog chasing a child around the 400 block of McKinley Street SW. After getting all info by parties involved. The owner of the dog was issued a potentially dangerous dog letter.

Aug. 11, in the early morning hours, Staples Police observed a suspicious person at the intersection of Warner Road. The subject advised they were having an issue with a disruptive neighbor that was keeping them up. The subject did not want police to speak with the neighbor and was going for a walk to calm down.

Aug. 11, Staples Police received a phone call reporting an active dispute between parties over campsites in Dower Lake Campground. Officers arrived on scene and spoke with the involved parties. After it was determined that one half of the involved parties did not have reservations, they were asked to pack up and leave.

Aug. 11, Staples Police were dispatched to the report of juveniles throwing rocks in a park. Upon arrival, officers spoke with teenagers and a family at the location and informed them of the report. All present denied any such event happening. The complainant was contacted and advised.

Aug. 11, Staples Police were called to the 500 block of Cleveland St. SW for a complaint of a dirt bike

motorcycle driving on the roadway and into the complainant's yard. The driver was warned and advised the motorcycle is not allowed on any street or highway.

Aug. 11, Staples Police were called to the 500 block of Wisconsin Ave. SW for a driving complaint. It was reported two vehicles were driving recklessly and it appeared one vehicle was chasing the other. Police located the vehicles at a later time and spoke with a driver. The drivers of the vehicles were husband and wife who were involved in a dispute earlier in another city. The female driver was warned and advised. The male had left the area on foot prior to police arrival.

Aug. 12, Staples Police were dispatched to the report of harassment that has taken place over the past couple days in the 400 block of McKinley St. SW. Police were able to advise the complainant of a harassment restraining order and told to call back if the problem continues. Officers were unable to make contact with the other party.

Aug. 12, Staples Police were requested to meet with an individual that is on probation through Crow Wing County for DUI. The caller had forgotten their own PBT at home and did not want to violate their probation. An officer was able to collect a breath sample from the caller and the results were 0.00 BAC.

Aug. 12, Staples Police were contacted by Lakewood Hospital to report a male had come in after having been bitten by his own dog. The male did not wish to make a report with law enforcement.

Aug. 12, Staples Police were called to Dower Lake Campground for loud music complaint. The subject was advised to turn the music down.

Aug. 13, Staples Police stood by to assist Minnesota State Patrol with a DWI arrest and processing. The female driver, Tamara Kath, 64, was arrested and transported to Todd County Jail for driving under the influence.

Aug. 13, Staples Police received a report of a suspicious person on the 800 and 900 block of 6th St. NE. The subject was observed continuously walking back and forth on those blocks. The complainant was advised the subject walks around to relieve stress.

75 YEARS Ago - 1948

• Aug. 19, 1948 - Mrs. Philip Jacobs, Girl Scout leader, informed your reporter that another paper drive will be held on Aug. 27. Mrs. Jacobs said that Buck Thompson will drive his truck from home to home and the Scouts will pick up the paper and load it on the truck. Please TIE your paper and have it ready to pick up on this date. Country folks are asked to bring

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in their paper, magazines and cardboard boxes on this day and leave them in a pile back of the Farmers Store.

• Aug. 19, 1948 - Work was started the first of this week on the razing of the canopy at the Elmer Grant filling station on Second Ave. East in Staples.

Mr. Grant plans a complete remodeling on his business place, and will also put an addition on the west side of the structure.

The foundation for the addition has been completed. This addition will have dimensions of 18 by 38 feet, and will house the tires, batteries, and grease rack for servicing automobiles.

• Aug. 19, 1948 - Mrs. Philip Jacobs and her Girl Scouts returned home Friday after spending a week at a cabin at Stronghurst on Fish Trap Lake. The girls enjoying this trip were Marlys Thomson, Beverly Schrupp, Arla Jean Peterson, Jenille Thomson, Sylvia Johnson, LaVonne and Lois Skeesick, Verla Haney and Kathy Jacobs.

• Aug. 19, 1948 - Staples Municipal band, directed by Erling Lian, has had a busy season this summer, besides playing their regular concerts at the Northern Pacific band stand.

They have already played concerts at Fawn Lake, Leader and Brainerd, and the organization has a few other concerts on their schedule, including at the Poplar Birthday Cub at Poplar Aug. 23; Pillager Fair on Aug. 20; and Staples Farm Bureau meeting Aug. 26.

• Aug. 19, 1948 - People will be interested to know that the hot lunch program, sponsored jointly by the U. S. Government and the school boards will be continued in Staples again this coming school year (both the public and parochial school).

The federal government has raised the appropriation from \$858,000 for the past year to \$968,000 for the 1948-49 school year for the state of Minnesota, and this is to be apportioned out to the various schools over the state who are participating in this project.

50 YEARS Ago - 1973

• Aug. 23, 1973 - This year's Motley Rocket football team's prospects look very promising to Coach Bill Finn and assistant coach Mike Sullivan, with 15 returning lettermen from last year's Longbow Conference Champions.

Returning Senior Lettermen are Russ Hart, Keith Skeesick, Marlin Frisk, Bill Christenson, Joe Geurts, Mike Lorber, Kevin Stelck, Steve Cook.

Juniors returning are Bryan Silgjord, Chuck Kampa, Kelly Boldan, Dale Robinson, Roger Zetah. Other returning lettermen are Brad Silgjord, Ned Digiovanni, Mark Frisk and Bruce Blake.

• Aug. 23, 1973 - Robert C. Lee, representative for United Farm Agency, Inc., at Staples, has been recognized by his company for outstanding sales achievement.

Mr. Lee was presented the President's Round Table Award for reaching a goal in sales volume in less than a one-year period.

This award qualified Mr. Lee and his wife for an expense-paid holiday in Hawaii early next year. He has represented the real estate firm in Staples since 1970.

• Aug. 23, 1973 - Bruce Kirk and Mark Matanich of Staples competed in the 1973 State Jaycee Junior Golf Tournament Aug. 17 and 18 in Hastings.

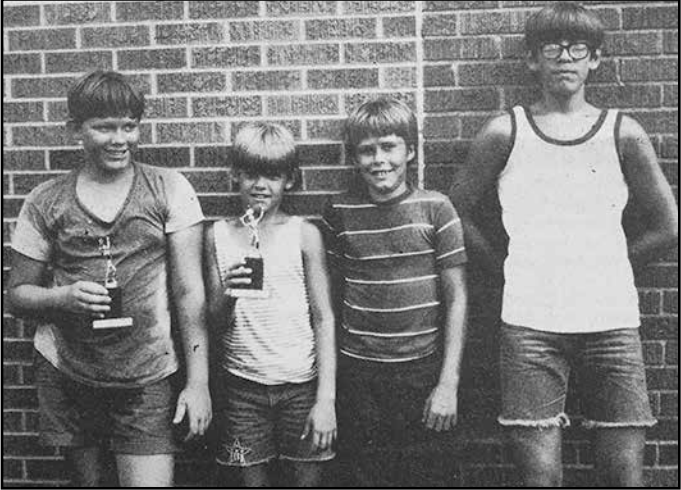
Kirk shot rounds of 83 and 88 and Matanich shot rounds of 82 and 85.

Winner of the event was Bill Israelson of Bemidji, who had rounds of 69 and 73 for a 142. Brad Cook of Northfield shot 72 and 77 for a 149 total.

• Aug. 23, 1973 - Six 4-H'ers from Cass County won top honors at the Cass County Fair, Pine River, and will represent their county and their fellow 4-H dairy project members on 4-H Dairy Judging Day Sept. 1, at the Minnesota State Fair.

The six are Henry Bowers' two-year-old Jersey; Tami Kraft's three-year-old Holstein; Bob Kadus with his Holstein heifer calf; Kevin Kristenson with his two year old Holstein; Coleen Swecker with her two-year-old Holstein; and LeRoy Bowers, with his senior yearling Holstein, "Bingo."

• Aug. 23, 1973 - Dr. Duane R. Lund, superintendent of the Staples Public Schools, and Sister Ann Marie Biermaier, principal of the Sacred Heart School, announced that a free and reduced meal policy for children of their schools unable to pay the full price of meals in schools under the National School Lunch



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1973. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Program.

teams which have been playing at Dower Lake.

Big Eddies of Browerville won the Men's League with a 23-1 season record. Hirschey Construction was second with a 19-5 league mark and Lefty's and Dewlin's Diggers tied for third place with 16-8 records.

10 YEARS Ago - 2013

• Aug. 23, 2013 - Working at a family business in a small town has some advantages. "You get to know people," said Lani Roberts, who along with her brother Chad Longbella, continue their family tradition of running Longbella Drug in Staples. The store is celebrating their 50th year as a family business this week.

In addition to their downtown Staples location, Longbella Drug has expanded to clinics in Motley, Pillager and Staples.

• Aug. 23, 2013 - After 19 years serving as a 'foster grandmother' at Staples Elementary School, Virginia Goeden of Staples has retired. Goeden is one of several 'grandmas' who have volunteered their services through the Catholic Charities organization and she worked in Connie Roline's kindergarten class at SES.

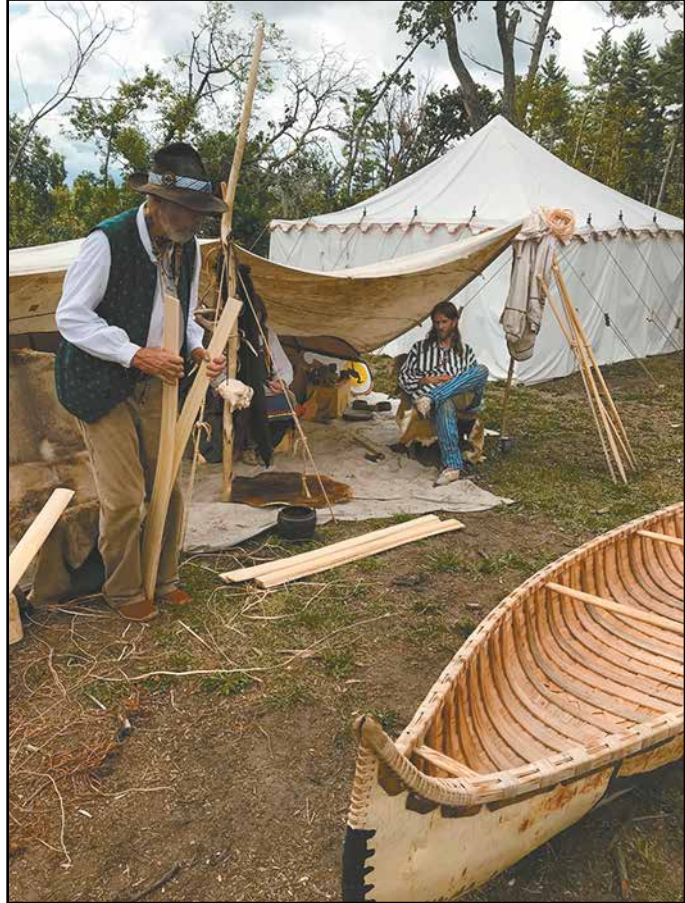
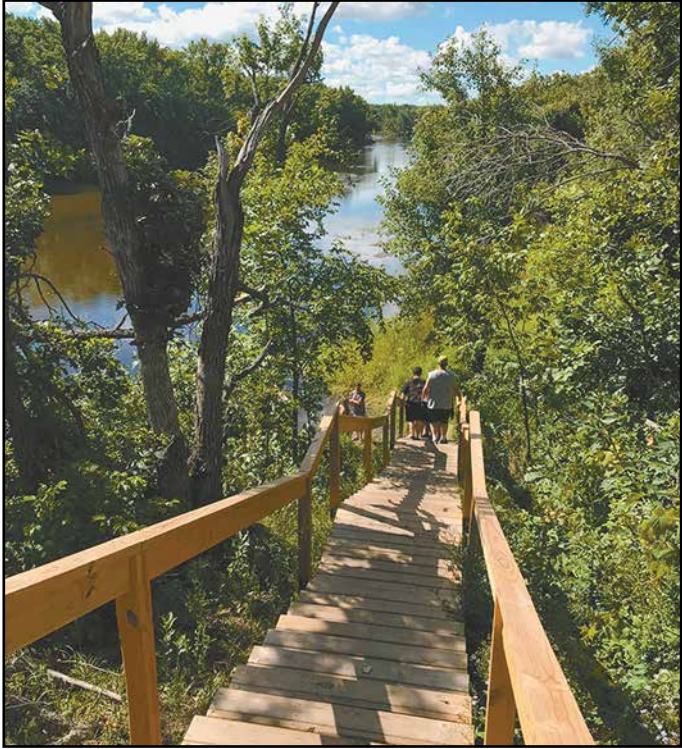
• Aug. 20, 1998 - The regular seasons have ended for Staples Softball League



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the April 4, 1963 edition of the Staples World featured the five "A" Squad Cheerleaders at Staples high school for the 1963-64 school year that were selected from a field of 12 candidates. The newly selected are, from left, Twylla Thronson, Barbara Olson, Peggy Gillaspie, LoAnn Nurnberger and Sandy Peterson. The advisor for the cheerleaders is Mrs. Audrey Erskine.

Rose (Brever) Deering of Staples, a 1964 Staples High School graduate, called to say she has this newspaper clipping in her scrapbook. She knew all of the girls pictured, adding that she was in the same class as LoAnn and Barbara. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.



Birch bark artist

Ray Boessel from Bigfork, demonstrated his skills in making an authentic birch bark canoe. He's cutting thin strips of red cedar wood that he will later use for both flooring and the ribs as in his finished craft at right. (Photo by Tom Crawford)

Exploring

Right, several people this weekend spotted the new stairs to the Crow Wing River canoe landing at Old Wadena County Park. (Photo by Tom Crawford)



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HEALTHY MOUTHS.... One smile at a time

CLC celebrates 25 years of Cultural Thursday

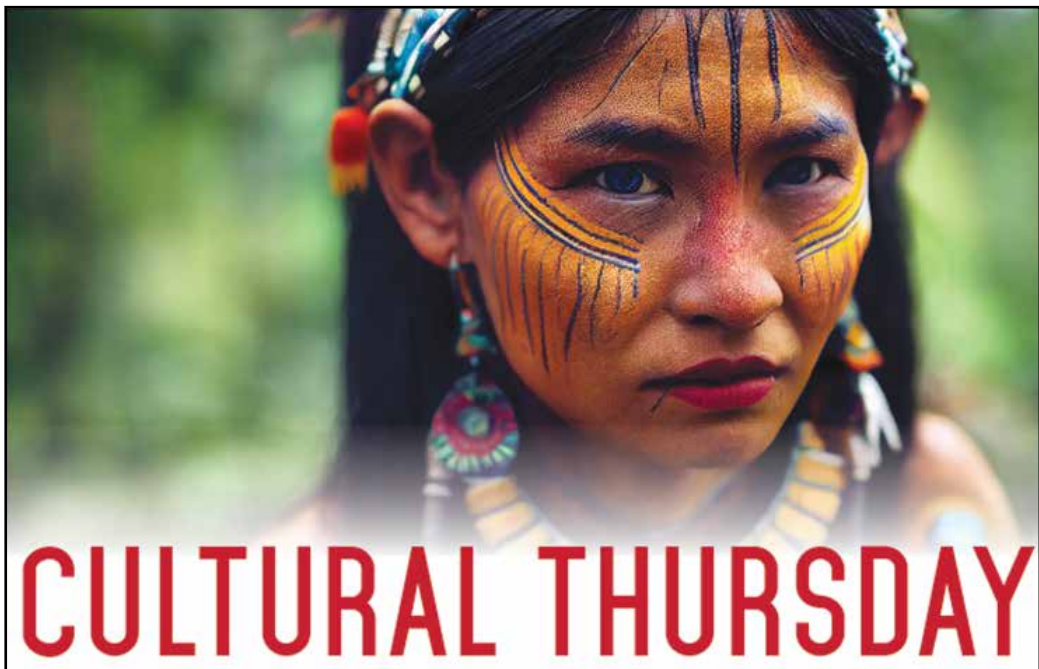
Central Lakes College announced the milestone 25th season of its highly acclaimed Cultural Thursdays program, a monthly speaker series that has been enriching minds and fostering new perspectives on the world and our communities in the heart of Minnesota for over two decades.

The 25th season kicks off on Sept. 7 in the Chalberg Theatre, on CLC's Brainerd campus. The inaugural event will feature Jan Kurtz, the visionary founder of Cultural Thursdays. Kurtz will reflect on the program's remarkable journey over the years, highlighting the transformative impact of language and cultural interactions on individuals and the community alike. Oscar and Michelle Gonzalez of Spirit Movement Dance will open the celebration and CLC Sociology instructor, Gary Payne, will be recognized for his previous 24 Cultural Thursday presentations.

The second event of the season, scheduled for October 5 at noon and 6 p.m., will present acclaimed author Philip Hunsicker. He will delve into his work in the Central African Republic, shedding light on the complexities of the region and sharing the compelling stories of his travels.

As the season unfolds, attendees can look forward to a lineup that celebrates the voices of international CLC students, showcasing their unique backgrounds, aspirations and contributions to our local community. Furthermore, the series will spotlight the talents of local and regional artists who have made a significant impact within and beyond our borders.

Joey Yow, Director of the CLC Performing Arts Center and the new program coordinator for the Cultural Thursdays program, expressed his excitement



World cultures come to CLC

Pictured, some of the images from Central Lakes College Cultural Thursday promotions.



about the upcoming season. "Cultural Thursdays has always been a cornerstone of our commitment to fostering global citizenship and cultural appreciation," he said. "As we mark this significant milestone, we are proud to continue the tradition of engaging conversations and eye-opening experiences that inspire lifelong learning."

Since its inception, Cultural Thursdays has stood as a beacon of enlightenment and cross-cultural appreciation, inviting esteemed speakers from around the Brainerd lakes area to share

their unique perspectives, experiences and insights. Through a diverse range of topics, the program aims to broaden horizons, deepen connections, and inspire exploration of our world both near and far.

Admission to Cultural

Thursdays events is free and open to the public. With each session held on the first Thursday of the month at noon, the series provides an excellent opportunity for community members, students, and beyond to come together and embark on a journey of discovery.

For more information about the 25th season of Cultural Thursdays, including the complete schedule of events, visit: www.clcmn.edu/cultural-thursdays.



Sprucing things up for Railroad Days

Above: City of Staples streets department crew members were at work recently trimming trees along 2nd St. NE. In lower photo, Staples City Council member John Jewison sprayed for weeds along 6th St. NE, near city hall. Jewison said he'd been spraying for weeds throughout downtown Staples, as well as along the Legacy Trail. At that time, he'd gone through 60 gallons of Roundup, Jewison said, adding that he purchases it with funds he receives as a council member. It's one way he can give back to the city, Jewison said, adding that he wanted to do his part to help the town look its best for Railroad Days. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Who you gonna' call..."The Boyz"

Born of an idea to spruce up Staples before Railroad Days, area youth "The Boyz" decided to knock on downtown business doors and offer to clean their windows. Above: Tristan Moore, Eli Bounds, Michael Jewison and Owen Roline on Thursday washed the Staples World windows.

Left: Three of "The Boyz" completing the job at Williams Floral, from left, Caleb Kopp, Jewison and Roline. (Submitted photo)



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Messing things up

Downtown flower boxes became trash receptacles during the Railroad Days celebration in downtown Staples. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Quote of the week
"If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."
— Harry S. Truman



Summer reading program prizes

Participants in the Staples Library Summer Reading program recently won prizes. Above: Eli Maule received one of the children's prizes and Aaron Oeltjenbruns, left, received a teen reader prize. The Summer Reading Program was sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. (Submitted photos)



Rendezvous regulars

Curtiss and Loretta returned once again to the Old Wadena stage for performances both Saturday and Sunday. Audience members enjoyed their mix of song and light-hearted comedy. (Photo by Tom Crawford)

CARE Ministry Meals are back

CARE Ministry Meals will once again be offered to the community on a monthly basis, beginning in September. In addition to offering a free meal, these gatherings promote fellowship, connection and nourishment.

The 2023 - 2024 schedule is listed below. Reminders of each month's community meal (all Tuesdays, from 4:30 - 6 p.m., except for Thanksgiving and Christmas) will be included in the Mark Your Calendar section of the paper.

2023 - 2024 Schedule

- Sept. 26, 2023: at Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples
- Oct. 24, 2023: at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 4th St. NE, Staples (with Thomastown Covenant Church helping)
- Nov. 23, 2023: Community Chamber Thanksgiving meal at Timbers, 1220 2nd Ave. NE, Staples
- Dec. 25, 2023: Community Chamber Christmas meal at Timbers, 1220 2nd Ave. NE, Staples
- Jan. 23, 2024: at Church of Christ Church, 27343 490th St., Staples
- Feb. 26, 2024: at Assembly of God Church, 914 3rd Ave., Staples
- March 26, 2024: at Sacred Heart Church, 310 4th St. NE, Staples
- April 23, 2024: at Staples United Methodist Church, 310 5th St. NE, Staples
- May 21, 2024: at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S, Motley.



Little library welcome to all readers

A book exchange library box was installed in April at 426 7th St. NE in Staples and has been ready for use. Russ and Deb Jordan made the box in the shape of a house where books can be taken out or left inside to share. (Submitted photos)



Folk music legend at Old Wadena

John Gorka sings at the Old Wadena Rendezvous on Aug. 12. The world renowned singer-songwriter performed many of his original songs for the audience. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Mark Your Calendar

August 24

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

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Aug. 24, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Tom Allen, caller. For info., 218-894-2900.

August 25

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

August 28

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

August 29

LIVING LEGACY GARDENS, STAPLES, WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS Tuesdays, from 9 - 11 a.m. Located at 26505 Co. Rd. 2.

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Staples Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

September 12

'GRIEF SHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through Dec. 12. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

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SAT., AUGUST 26

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8:30 a.m. Flag raising with Boy Scouts
11 a.m. Antique Tractor Pull
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mikko Cowdery
11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Kitchen open, Lunch
1:30 p.m. Parade - JOIN IN!
2:00 - ??? p.m. JAM SESSION Bear Garden

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30 a.m. Gates open

7:30-11 a.m. Thresher's Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Flag raising with Boy Scouts
9:00 a.m. Worship Service at Log Chapel
10:00 a.m. Draft Horses field demos
10:00 a.m. Plow Down
11:30 am.-3 p.m. Kitchen open
11:00 am.-1 p.m. Fred Walter Music
1:00 p.m. Parade - JOIN IN!
2:00-4:00 p.m. Bingo
4:00 p.m. Raffle prize drawings
5:00 p.m. Gates close for the season

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TODD COUNTY HRA Mainstream Voucher Program

The Mainstream Voucher program provides rental assistance for nonelderly (18-61), low-income families with at least one disabled family member. The program also encourages partnerships with health and human service agencies to coordinate voluntary services and supports to enable individuals to live independently in the community. Rental assistance is based on 40% of your income or lower.

The waiting list for this program is currently open and there are available vouchers that can be issued on a first come, first served basis if you meet the below eligibility requirements. All applications received after the vouchers have been filled will then be kept on the waiting list for the next available voucher.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Must meet Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program eligibility requirements.
- Families that include at least one person with a disability between the ages of 18-61
- Applicants must be registered on the HCV waiting list.

Call 320-594-6388 to request an application to be mailed to you or contact Todd County HRA at toddcountyhra@yahoo.com to have one emailed or postal mailed out to you, or you can pick one up from the bulletin board in the entryway at 300 Linden Ave S, Browerville MN. If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities and you require a specific accommodation in order to fully utilize our program's services, use the above information to contact us.

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Aaron Kuhn Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS: Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.. Sunday.....8:30 a.m.. Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship.....9:30 am. Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.. Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923 Pastor Scott Jorgenson Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.. Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.. United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248 Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.. (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)	Aldrich Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.. Cushing Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason www.bethanylutherancushing.org Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443 Phone: 218- 575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad SUNDAY Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m. YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.. Cushing Baptist 26298 Bear Rd., Cushing Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.. Worship.....10:30 a.m.. WEDNESDAY Bible study.....7:30 p.m.. Leader Swan Valley Lutheran 218-397-2470 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Sunday Worship January - July.....9 a.m.. July - January.....11 a.m.. Maple Hill Lutheran Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.. Motley Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466.....218-352-6888 Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.. facebook live.....9 a.m.. WEDNESDAY AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m.. Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.. St. John's Lutheran 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399 Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.. Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.. St. Michael 1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS: Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.. Saturday.....4:00 p.m.. United Methodist 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie www.motleyumc.net Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.. Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.. Oylen Oylen Alliance City Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Maltcore Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.. Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.. Pillager First Lutheran Church Pastor Mathew Sundquist 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775 Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.. Casino Assembly of God Pastor Dan Johnson N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104. Phone.....218-746-3839 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.. Worship.....10:30 a.m.. Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.. WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.. First Baptist 903 River Street South, Pillager Pastor Jake Anderson 218-746-3768 curious@fbcpillager.com Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.. Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.. Hewitt Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.. Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.. WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.. Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.. United Methodist Church Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.. Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.. Verndale Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.. Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.m.. Family Life Church 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189 Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor SUNDAY Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m.. Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.. Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.. WEDNESDAY Life Groups.....6:30 p.m.. Hope Chapel Alliance 18126 County Road 7, Verndale 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Maltcore Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.. Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.. WEDNESDAY Family Night.....5:30 p.m.. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS) 17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.. WEDNESDAY Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.. Verndale United Methodist 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.. Central United Methodist 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950 Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m.. Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.. WEDNESDAY Seeds of Hope.....7:00 p.m.. Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690 Sunday Service.....10 a.m..
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Obituaries

Marie Bristlin

Marie Katherine Bristlin, 78, of Staples passed away August 11, 2023, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with visitation from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the church.

Interment will be at Evergreen Green Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Marie was born March 1, 1945 to Joseph and Margaret (Kallas) and Mumm in Bertha.

She married Jackie L. Bristlin on October 22, 1966, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Marie worked as a Registered Nurse in the Metro Area for many years. Her hobbies included scrapbooking, card making and gardening.

Marie will be deeply missed by her husband, Jackie; one son, Scott; three



sisters, Teresa (Walt) Peterson, Joann (Wayne) Lenk and Rose (Don) Webber; three brothers, Bernard (Gloria) Mumm, John (Darlene) Mumm and Larry Mumm; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Darren James Bristlin.

Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

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Richard Rollins

Richard “Rich” Timothy Rollins, 72, of Granite Falls passed away August 11, 2023, at Avera Granite Falls Hospital.

Funeral services were held August 19 at United Church of Christ in Granite Falls.

Rich was born August 27, 1950 to Richard and Lillian (Swecker) Rollins in Staples. He grew up in Motley and graduated from Motley High School in 1968 and Alexandria Technical College with a degree in law enforcement. He married Susan Dreier on April 29, 1978.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Forestal receiving his honorable discharged in 1972. Rich worked in law enforcement for 35 years (1972-2006). He proudly served one year as Chief of Police of Granite Falls and the last 34 years as Sheriff of Yellow Medicine County.

He was a member of the American Legion and United Church of Christ in Granite Falls. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, listening and watching Twins baseball.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Annie (Brian) Bornhorst of Roch-



ester and Emily (Tim) Lyon of Jacksonville, Florida; four grandchildren, Logan and Kate Bornhorst and Vera and Rose Lyon; five sisters, Patricia Stokley, Nadine Bittner, Yvonne Jay, Joyce Rollins and Bessie (Mike) Mueller and one brother, Jim (Virginia) Rollins; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Minnesota Chapter of ALS, donate.als.org.

Arrangements were with Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home of Granite Falls, www.andersonstebeest.com.

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LSS seeks Foster Grandparent volunteers to impact lives of youth

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) is seeking volunteers for its Foster Grandparent program, in partnership with AmeriCorps Seniors, a national service agency, to offer guidance and encouragement to children and youth in the community.

Foster Grandparent volunteers are older adults who offer one-to-one mentoring and tutoring in the classroom and other settings to children and youth. Their presence and reassurance can help children and youth improve self-esteem, social and emotional development and literacy and math skills.

“So many children just need a little attention and understanding to make a positive difference in their day. When I volunteer, I know that I have made a difference in their lives,” shared Roberta Klekotka, a Foster Grandparent.

In a survey this year, Lutheran Social Service learned that over 90 percent of volunteers either agree or strongly agree that their volunteer experience at LSS has changed their life in a positive way. Almost 85 percent say that they feel more socially connected because of their service as a volunteer. More than 76 percent say that they feel healthier because of their service as an LSS volunteer.

“The program is a win/win for me and the children. I feel like I am making a dif-

ference in their lives in so many ways. They have also made a difference in my life with their smiles, hugs, honesty and joy in learning new things. Being a Foster Grandparent volunteer has given me so much joy and a new purpose in this phase of my life,” Klekotka said.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is currently seeking volunteers, age 55 and older, who can commit to volunteering at least 10 hours per week. The service offers volunteers a tax-free hourly stipend, transportation/mileage reimbursement, orientation and ongoing training and no prior experience is necessary.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota conducts background checks to ensure safety. The statewide organization serves all Minnesotans and welcomes volunteers from various cultures, backgrounds and traditions to inquire. If you are interested in becoming a Foster Grandparent, call 888-205-3770 or visit lssmn.org/fgvolunteer.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota also welcomes other nonprofits to become partner sites to support youth in a variety of settings including public and private schools, Head Start locations, shelters and daycare centers. To become a partner, visit lssmn.org/fgpartner or call 888.205.3770.

“Childlike Faith”

Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God

Author Unknown (God's Word For Today)

When six-year-old Logan heard his mother on the phone with Grandpa, he begged, “Please, Mommy, can I talk?” Thinking her son wanted to tell Grandpa about his fun day at vacation Bible school, she handed him the phone.

Logan asked, “Grandpa would you please give your heart to Jesus? I want you to play with me in heaven, but you can’t get there without Jesus.” After handing the phone back to his mother, Logan bounded off to play.

She was stunned when she placed the phone to her ear and heard her dad weeping aloud. For years she had intended to

speak to her hard-hearted father about the Lord, but feared he would mock her. Now, Logan’s bold but simple faith had melted Grandpa’s heart.

“If only you would listen to his voice today! The Lord says, ‘Don’t harden your hearts as Israel did at Meribah.’” (Psalm 95:7-8, NLT)

God is continually reaching out to the hard-hearted and longs to have His people join Him by sharing the gospel. “It is the power of God at work, saving every one who believes” (Romans 1:16).

Thought: It is better to fear for the souls of the lost than to fear their reaction to the gospel.

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Fall sports underway

Staples-Motley fall sports teams have started practice, with football, volleyball, girls tennis and cross country teams starting their seasons soon. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Fall sports staying in same sections

The Minnesota State High School League realigned their postseason sections for the 2023-24 school year. The section alignments are reordered every two years.

For fall sports, all the Staples-Motley teams all stay in the same section with mostly the same teams as the past two years. The biggest change comes in tennis, where three teams were moved from Class AA to Class A and joined our section.

Tennis

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team will remain in Section 8A, but will have three new teams to compete with: East Grand Forks, Thief River Falls and Perham/New York Mills. All three teams had been in Class AA the previous year.

Long Prairie-Grey Eagle was moved out to Section 6A. Section 8A teams for 2023-24: Crookston, East Grand

Forks, Park Rapids, Parkers Prairie, Perham/New York Mills, Roseau, Staples-Motley, Thief River Falls, Wadena-Deer Creek.

Football

The Staples-Motley football team will remain in Section 6AA, with most of the same teams. Menahga has been added to the section, with Sauk Centre moving to a different section.

Section 6AA football 2023-24: Menahga, Osakis, Pillager, Staples-Motley, Wadena-Deer Creek, West Central Area/Ashby.

Cross country

Staples-Motley cross country is still in Section 6A. The section added Melrose but lost Breckenridge/Wahpeton, which moved up to Class AA. Statewide, Perham moved up to Class AA.

Section 6A cross country 2023-24: Benson/Kerk-

hoven-Murdock-Sunburg, Bertha-Hewitt, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville, Ottertail Central (Henning, Battle Lake, Underwood), Hillcrest Lutheran, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, Melrose, Minnewaska, Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta, New Testament Christian, Ortonville, Osakis, Parkers Prairie, Pillager, Sauk Centre, Staples-Motley, Verndale, Wadena-Deer Creek, West Central Area, Border West (Wheaton, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley, Herman-Norcross).

Volleyball

The Staples-Motley volleyball team remains in Section 6AA, with the exact same 14 teams:

Albany, Foley, Holdingford, Melrose, Milaca, Minnewaska, Osakis, Pequot Lakes, Pierz, Pillager, Royalton, Sauk Centre, St. Cloud Cathedral and Staples-Motley.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners meeting room, Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the north doors, near the American Flag and monument.

Questions? Phone 320-732-4420 or email

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AGENDA
•Call to Order
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Introduction of Planning Commission Members and process review.
•The applicant is introduced
•Staff report
•Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
•Public comment
•Board review with applicant, staff, and public
•Approval of agenda.
•Approval of the August 3, 2023 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. David Bontrager:
Section 18, Ward Township
Site Address: 22897 364th St., Browerville, MN 56348
PID: 26-0017100 & 26-0016900
1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit for the production and retail sales of fencing and building materials in AF-1 Zoning.
2. Tammy Jo Brusewitz: Section 13, Staples Township
Site Address: 48577 277th Ave., Staples, MN 56479
PID: 22-0012700 & 22-0012900
1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit for a feedlot of up to 50 Animal Units

in Commercial Zoning.
3. T Rose Inc.: Section 20, Gordon Township
Site Address: 17898 Lake St. E, 17857 Lake St. E. and 17953 Daylight Loop, Osakis, MN 56360
PID: 10-0014900
1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit for the conversion of 9 cabins to a Residential Planned Unit Development in General Development Shoreland Zoning.
4. Proposed Amendment to Todd County Planning & Zoning Ordinance:
1. Section 9.20: Solar Energy Systems

Adjournment.
Next Meeting:
October 5, 2023

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters. **All correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**

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Little Red Caboose variety show August 17



River Rats take variety show by storm

A new band, the River Rats, brought a big band rock and roll sound to the Little Red Caboose Variety Show on Aug. 17, held at Timbers Event Center, performing several classic rock songs and getting the crowd to jump up for their version of "YMCA". (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Emali Jimenez



Mackenzie Wilds and Katie (Ziegler) Switzer



Gary Timbs



Staples Area Men's Chorus performing The Wellerman.



State speech champions at variety show

Little Red Caboose Variety Show audiences were delighted to witness the state speech champions from Staples-Motley High School give their award-winning performances. Left, Caden Mrazek and Luke Bates perform "Young Frankenstein," right, Micah Larson in his original performance, "Sports Athiest." (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Dan Jacobson, Mike Gold, Cade Bestland, Pat Lunemann.



Ray Gildow drumming for the Little Moran River Band.



Staples Area Women's Chorus performing ABBA Gold



Sarah Kroll



Amy Rutten Olive Doll and Lauren Rutten.

Staples Railroad Days grand parade - August 19



Hundreds of entries in the Staples Railroad Days parade interacted with a large crowd. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Corie Hurtig