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Essentia opens clinic

Essentia held a grand opening for their new clinic in Staples on July 30. Taking part in the ribbon cutting, from left, Todd Defreece, Mitch Feierabend (HyTech Construction), Ryan Turner (DSGW), Dr. Jared Reese, Steve Palmer, Dr. Daniel Johnson, Shawna Reed, Dr. Amy Lelwica, Haley Faynik, PA-C, Dr. Christopher Metz, Melissa McKay, George Loban (Brainerd Lakes Director's Council), Dr. Krista Skorupa, Brad Beard, Tony Kauffenberg and Matt Posinski. The clinic was open the following day, with family medicine, urgent care and orthopedics on the first day. Other departments will open within a few months. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Essentia Clinic opens in Staples

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Essentia Health estimated that 350 to 400 people toured their brand new facility during an open house on July 30. The clinic is now open to all patients and will eventually provide up to 25 employees when all the departments are open. The clinic is located at 301 Second Ave. NW in Staples. Several of the visitors commented on how much was put into the 16,000 square foot building. In addition to a large entry room and pharmacy, there are 14 exam rooms, labs and

radiology, three procedure rooms, three infusion bays and a large physical therapy room. The procedure rooms are for minor surgeries and other procedures. All exam rooms will be set up for telehealth visits. The clinic will offer family medicine and urgent care for all types of patients, including primary care, cardiology, surgical specialties and physical therapy. They also will specialize in orthopedics, with Dr. Christopher Metz starting on day one. He will be joined by one Essentia orthopedic doctors.

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WCCO fan club

A number of people showed up to welcome the WCCO television production crew at Living Legacy Gardens in Staples Aug. 1, in town filming their 'Goin' to the Lake' series. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples/Motley highlighted in WCCO's 'Goin' to the Lake' series

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

"It's not having what you want, It's wanting what you've got," are lyrics in

Sheryl Crow's song, "Soak Up the Sun." A visit from WCCO-TV in Minneapolis Aug. 1 and 2, reminded people in the Staples/Motley area that life smack dab in the center

of Minnesota is pretty darn good. The production crew, which included WCCO anchors Frank Vascellaro and Heather Brown, were in the area filming the final

chapter in their 'Goin' to the Lake' summer series. For natives, it may seem that anything labeled 'exciting' and 'vacation worthy' See **WCCO** on page 11a

School board reveals evaluation

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At the July 22 Staples-Motley School Board meeting the board revealed their annual evaluation of Superintendent Shane Tappe. During a closed meeting for performance review in June, the board rated Tappe as "Very Good" overall. The board identified three areas of focus for the up coming year, including district finances, communication/community relations and school district operations. Following the review, Tappe developed goals based on the areas of con-

centration. Under the category of district finances, goals included the rollout and implementation of the new student information system and SMART Finance, with the five year financial projection model as the second goal. For school district operations, goals included completion of the remaining construction project, with continued assessment and remaining facility needs. **Fall sports** The board approved the fall coaches list. Fall sports start practices on Monday, Aug. 12. See **SCHOOL** on page 12a

School board, council filing now open

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The filing period for Staples-Motley School Board, Staples City Council and Motley City Council runs from Tuesday, July 30 through Tuesday, Aug. 13. Filing can be done at the city office for each city or at the Staples-Motley District Office for school board. **Motley** The Motley City Council has the mayor seat and three council seats up for election. Two of the council seats are for four year

terms and one is for two years. The mayor's seat is a two year term. The current mayor is Pat O'Regan, who was appointed when Mike Schmidt left the council last fall. O'Regan has filed again for that seat. April Skeesick-Larson and Dennis Erickson were both appointed to the council last fall, so their seats are up for election, as is Steve Johnson's four year term. As of Aug. 5, Skeesick-Larson had filed for a two year seat. See **FILING** on page 12a

Weather

2024

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 7	71	57	Showers
Aug. 8	71	50	P. Cloudy
Aug. 9	70	51	M. Sunny
Aug. 10	72	54	P. Cloudy
Aug. 11	76	56	P. Cloudy
Aug. 12	75	58	Cloudy
Aug. 13	76	57	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 7	78°	60	Sunny
Aug. 8	80	59	M. Sunny
Aug. 9	79	62	M. Sunny
Aug. 10	73	59	Cloudy
Aug. 11	78	63	Cloudy
Aug. 12	74	59	Sunny
Aug. 13	72	60	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 78° Low = 57°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

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Kristin Daniels

Lakewood Health System welcomes new system board members

Lakewood Health System, Staples, has welcomed two new members to its System Board: Daniel Douts and Sarah Jennissen.

Douts started his three-year term on May 1, replacing board member, Kevin Nelson, who retired after serving six years. As the owner/agent at Daniel Douts State Farm in Staples, Douts has lived in the Staples community for eight years with his wife, Marci, their three sons, ages six, four and one. As a family, they enjoy spending time outdoors, fishing, hunting and golfing. Douts is the Chair of the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, volunteers with Meals on Wheels, coaches t-ball and youth baseball. "Lakewood is such a great asset to our local communities and has a strong history and an exciting future. Raising a family in the area, I wanted to be part of that future, so



Daniel Douts



Sarah Jennissen

when the opportunity came to join the board, I took it."

Jennissen started her three-year term on July 1, replacing board member, Stephanie Jordahl, who resigned after three years. A 14-year resident of Staples, Jennissen works as a nursing instructor at Central Lakes College (CLC). She volunteers with her children's various sports programs, at church with the Awana program, serves

on the governing board and teaching adult Bible studies. Jennissen recently began training as a client advocate for the Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center. "As a registered nurse and nurse educator, I'm passionate about patients receiving and accessing excellent care, and Lakewood provides that. Speaking as a patient and how my family has been cared for at Lakewood, as well as

in my professional work bringing CLC nursing students to Lakewood for clinical instruction, it's a great environment. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve my community, bring my perspectives to the board as a nurse, educator, patient and community member." Jennissen and her husband, Steve, have four children: Sam 21, Grace 19, Josie 16, and Liam, 13. During the school year, Jennissen spends her free time watching her kids in the gym or on the field.

The Lakewood System Board is tasked with various responsibilities, such as hiring and retaining the CEO, ensuring quality care, developing the mission, vision and strategic plan, overseeing the financial position and developing strong board and medical staff relationships.



Served 50 years with Lions

Lion Janet Grieg, Motley, was recently honored for her 50 years of service with the Motley Lions Club. She was presented with the 'Distinguished Service Award' for her dedication to the Motley Lions from 1974 - 2024. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Recycling for CLOTHES ONLY, please

WearEver Recycling, located at the Orton's Holiday Station on 2nd Ave. NE in Staples, provides an opportunity for people to donate clothes, outerwear and household textiles that go toward helping others.

Their sign states, "If it is wearable or made of fabric, bring it to us!"

Pictured at right is Terry Lemon of St. Francis, who collects donated items at numerous WearEver sites. "I make 15 stops a day," Lemon said, adding that he travels between 200 and 300 miles on his route, filling up the back of his truck. He stops at the Staples site once a week.

Unfortunately, people have dropped off items other than clothes or fabric. Lemon said he's found garbage in the bags, as well as plastic toys, dishes, soiled diapers and toasters. There are currently two trailer loads of these unacceptable items at the main headquarters of WearEver Recycling that the company has to deal with. Lemon said they appreciate the donations, but reminds people that only clothing or fabric items are accepted. For more information, call 763-753-1164. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Todd County Sheriff's report

Recent reports from the Todd County Sheriff's Office included:



David Rochefort, Sr.

On the afternoon of July 31, 2024, a Todd County Deputy observed a male party known to law enforcement as 47-year-old David Dean Rochefort, Sr. within the city of Eagle Bend. The deputy had prior knowledge that Rochefort had several felony level arrest warrants in Douglas County, which were later confirmed to be active. The deputy observed Rochefort entered a multi-unit apartment complex in Eagle Bend. Rochefort had recently fled from the Douglas County Sheriff's Dept., evading arrest. Multiple law enforcement agencies responded to the area in an attempt to locate Rochefort.

After interviewing witnesses, it was determined that Rochefort was inside a single apartment in the multi-unit complex. The apartment complex was evacuated for the safety of the residents. Law enforcement obtained a search warrant to enter. As a result of the search warrant utilizing K-9 Nitro, David Rochefort, Sr. was located hiding in a closet and was placed under arrest for several outstanding felony level warrants. Occupant of the apartment, 72-year-old Sidona Kortuem, was also arrested by for Aiding an Offender to Avoid Arrest.

"The Todd County Sheriff's Dept. was assisted by neighboring jurisdictions and with help from vigilant citizens and neighbors a dangerous individual was apprehended," said Todd County Sheriff Mike Allen.

The Todd County Sheriff's Office was assisted at

the scene by the Wadena County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit (K9 Nitro), Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Bertha Ambulance Service.

July 31: Approximately 4:31 a.m. the Todd County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting that there was a fire at Pro Ag Farmer Cooperative in Clarissa. Todd County deputies responded to the fire alongside multiple fire departments.

The building was a complete loss. The fire remains under investigation by the State Fire Marshals Division.

The Todd County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Clarissa Fire Department, Browerville Fire Department, Long Prairie Fire Department and the Minnesota State Fire Marshals.

Motley area law enforcement reports

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

July 24 - 30

July 30 - Motley Police received a report from a Motley resident who believes he has been scammed out of over \$250,000.

July 30 - Motley Police responded to a report of a dog in a parked vehicle at the 600 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley. Upon his arrival, the police chief found everything to be okay, and all four vehicle windows were rolled down.

July 29 - Motley Police responded to a request from the MN State Patrol that they assist and remove tire debris off of Hwy

64 in Motley. The request was taken care of.

July 26 - Morrison County deputies and the Motley Police issued trespassing citations to Zackery Thomas Olson and Nicolas Vicente Sampson, both 18; and a juvenile.

July 28 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of a suspicious person at Hwy 10 and 320th St., Cushing.

July 27 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of a grass fire alongside the road in the ditch at 320th St. and Thoroughfare Dr., Cushing. The fire was extinguished prior to the deputy's arrival.

July 27 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of suspicious vehicles on the complainant's property at the 3200 block of Ridge Rd., Motley.

Minnesota Child Support agencies working with parents

Todd County Health and Human Services

The Minnesota Child Support Division strives to allow children to depend on their parents for the support they need. In carrying out its vision, workers promote

children's well-being and family self-sufficiency by delivering quality child support services.

Todd County provides state and federally mandated child support services, which includes: enforcement of orders, collection, distributing payments, locating absent parents, establishment of paternity, establishment of court

orders for child support and review and modification of orders.

For more information, contact the Todd County office at 320-732-4511, the State Office of Child Support at 800-657-3954, or visit the Child Support Enforcement Division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

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Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept:

July 22, Staples Police assisted a party having mental health issues at the Love Motel. The party was transported to the Lake-wood Health System (LHS) emergency room for an eval-uation.

July 22, Staples Police responded to a report of a suicidal subject. The juve-nile was transported to LHS emergency room for an eval-uation.

July 23, Staples Police assisted Todd County with a juvenile runaway who was reported to be at a residence in Staples. Police located the juvenile, who was tuned over to a parent.

July 26, Staples Police assisted Motley Police with individuals climbing up a business. Police transported one of the subjects to the police department. Subject was transferred to Wadena County Sheriff's Office for transport to his Wadena resi-dence.

July 26, at 2:07 p.m., Sta-ples Police assisted Staples Fire Dept. with a propane gas leak in the 200 block of 2nd Ave. NE. Police located the leaking propane tank and closed off the surround-ing area. Large emergency personnel presence.

July 26, Staples Police

assisted MN State Patrol with a boat that fell off a trailer in the right lane of Hwy 10 westbound, near Motley. Police blocked traf-fic until the MN State Patrol arrived.

July 26, Staples Police responded to an assist of a vulnerable adult wandering the streets. Officer located the adult and the reporting party picked him up at the police station.

July 27, at 12:27 a.m., Sta-ples Police assisted Todd County with a motor vehicle in a swamp off Thunder Rd, west of Staples. No one was in the vehicle. Todd County arrived on scene and the vehicle was towed.

July 27, Staples Police assisted MN State Patrol with a suspect fleeing on foot. Suspect had a active warrant and was taken into custody by MN State Patrol. Officer assisted standing by and identifying the passen-ger in the vehicle.

July 28, Staples Police assisted Morrison County Sheriffs Dept. with two indi-viduals that were uncon-scious in the 200 block of Hwy 10 E. in Motley. Police arrived, performed sobri-ety testing on an individual. Morrison Coutny Sgeriff's Dept.will be handling the investigation.

Court report July 31

Minnesota State Patrol
Ethan Edward Burns, Hibbing. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Jonathan Tomas Gonzales Ortiz, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Nathanael Mendez Diaz, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Dismissed.
Eutiquio Angeles Valencia, Perham. Engage in cellular phone or video call. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Minnesota State Patrol
Angela Lanette Peterick, Hewitt. Speed 80/75. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Kandin Richard Ahrendt, Alexan-dria. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Brayden Michael Bischof, Long Prairie. Speed 72/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jeremy Allen Carlson, Alexandria. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Rene Salvador Cedillo Pena, Inver Grove Heights. Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Luis Enrique Dominguez, Denver, Colo. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Valerie Chantal Dvorak, Rockville. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Aspen Kay Ehrenberg, Eagle Bend. Child passenger restraint system- child under eight and under 57 inches not fastened. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jon Roland Ellingson, Rosholt, S.Dak. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jaqueline Garcia-Botello, Mel-rose. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
David Gilbert Gjerstad, Clarissa. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Alexis Kay Halvorson, St. Michael. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jordan Lamont Hartmann, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Lamoine James Hatton, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Muhammad Kazim, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Carson Edward Klohn, White Bear Lake. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Marie Vankpana Kpaan, Brook-lyn Center. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Agustin Lara Rios, Minneapolis. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Levi Arthur Leaunart, Osakis. Hands-Free Law- engage in cellular phone or video call. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
James Douglas Lindemann, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Andjelo F. Luccean, Alexandria. Speed 80/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.
Toussaint E. McDaniel, Clarissa. Cannabis open package- owner/ driver- not compliant packaging or container. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
D'Andre Marquis McGuire, Cryst-al. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Window restrictions- wind-shield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50.
Sa'd Abdul Mohamed, Grand Forks, N.Dak. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Miguel Angel Morelos Ortiz, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200.
Logan Dale Pautzke, Grove City. Seatbelt required- driver and passen-ger must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Michael Christopher Pederson, Alexandria. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Timothy Rucker, Minneapolis. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. No proof motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200.
Justin William Schultz, Long Pra-rie. Seatbelt required. Driver and passenger must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Norrine Margaret Stelter, Apple Valley. Hands-Free Law- engage in cellular phone or video call. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Angel Yeiel Ubarri, Groveland, Flor. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Timothy Dean Warren, New Brighton. Move over- passing parked authorized vehicle- two lanes in same direction. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Ashley Pauline Williams, Alexan-dria. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Alexus Ray Wllms, Underwood. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Luke Samuel Wolbeck, Long Prairie. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Todd County Sheriff's Office
Karl Walter Arenson, Long Prairie. Careless driving. Dismissed.
Heather Maria Becker, Long Prairie. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Dismissed.
Joseph Jerome Fink, Browerville. Speed 75/55. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.
Andrew Alexander Paavola, Grey Eagle. Failure to control a permit fire. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Corbin Steven Slaamot, Osakis. Windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Tint too dark. Fine \$50.
The following cases were heard before Judge Kris Davick-Halfen in Seventh District Court in Todd County July 22, 2024.
Alexis Javier Gutierrez, Long Pra-rie. Third Degree DWI. Dismissed. Fourth Degree DWI- blood alcohol content greater than 0.08 within two hours. Sentenced. Fine \$550. Fee totals \$650. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 89 days for two years. Credit for time served: one day. Supervised probation, two years. Careless driving. Dismissed.
Zachariah Douglas Barron, Waiter Park. Burglary Second Degree- con-tinued for dismissal. Restitution \$2,288. Fee totals \$2,288. Unsu-pervised monitoring without convic-tion, one year. Burglary Third Degree. Continued for dismissal. Unsuper-vised monitoring without conviction, one year.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County July 22, 2024.
Samuel Maxwell Judd, Brainerd. Fish and Game- untaged big game animal. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.
Matthew John Hilyar, Medina. Speed 85/70. Dismissed, condi-tions met or expired.
The following cases were heard before Judge Gary R. Larson in Seventh District Court in Todd County July 23, 2024.
Brandon Joseph Schmidt, Mar-shall. Theft- take, use, transfer mov-able property no consent. Stay of adjudication. Fine \$100. Fee totals \$100. Unsupervised probation, six months.
The following cases were heard before Judge Antoinette C. Wetzel in Seventh District Court in Todd County July 23, 2024.
Judith Ann Blasczyk, South Haven. Speed 85/70. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County July 23, 2024.
Shane Michael Collman, Farib-ault. Fifth Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County July 24, 2024.
Lynsey Jo Wiechmann, Melrose. Speed 75/60. Dismissed, condi-tions met or expired.

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• Aug. 11, 1949 - Many out-standing artists have been scheduled to appear at the Morrison County Fair at Motley to be held Aug. 15, 16 and 17. Among them is Glen Burklund, prominent radio artist. Glen plays concertina, sings, and has some novel Scandinavian tunes to offer. In addition he will present his little dog, Brownie, which prom-ises plenty of surprises and laughs.

• Aug. 11, 1949 - Henry Gordein is headlighting the cast of brilliant performers included in a star-studded program of festival attrac-tions to be presented at the

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Morrison County Fair at Motley Aug. 15, 16 and 17.

He is the man who has mystified and made mil-lions of people laugh. He promises to furnish plenty of surprises and laughs for everyone.

• Aug. 11, 1949 - The Sta-ples Railroaders' ten-game winning streak came to an end Saturday, Aug. 6, at the hands of the Crosby-Iron-ton rangers. The Rails had all the power and looked like the superior team in the field, but it was five double plays on C-I's part and the fact that Staples left 12 men stranded that beat them.

• Aug. 11, 1949 - Begin-ning this week, The Staples World, will carry a new fea-ture in its columns, and that is "Report to the People" by Governor Luther W. Young-dahl.

The article will carry complete, and sometimes detailed reports of the vari-ous phases of governmental agencies, and things which are going on at the state cap-itol which the people should know about.

• Aug. 11, 1949 - The Lions club of Staples were hosts to their wives and lady friends at the lake cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorensen on Lake Shamineau Monday, Aug. 8. About 35 were pres-ent for the affair.

Entertainment for the evening included boat rides, surf board riding, water skiing, and swimming, and cards.

A buffet luncheon was set by Mrs. Sorensen, Mrs. Frances Christenson and Mrs. Art Sorensen.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• Aug. 8, 1974 - Staples, behind the one-hit pitching of Bob Nurnberger, downed the Motley Babe Ruth team 10-1 in a game played last week.

• Aug. 8, 1974 - The Sta-ples Babe Ruth Baseball team swept a doubleheader from the Wadena Babe Ruth July 31, on the home dia-mond.

Staples won the first game by an 8-2 count and then triumphed over their rivals in the second encoun-ter 12-2.

• Aug. 8, 1974 - The Chill Helmin Band will play nightly at the River Inn in Aldrich Aug. 14 thru Aug. 18. A rib special will be offered at the River Inn Aug. 8, for \$3.75.

• Aug. 8, 1974 - Kentucky Fried Chicken in Staples presents "The Picnic Break." Feed 5 - 7 people on just \$7 (must bring coupon). The \$7 coupon includes one bucket of chicken (15 pieces), two pints of salad, six rolls, one gallon of root beer.

• Aug. 8, 1974 - The 8th Annual Motley Rodeo spon-sored by the Rainbow Riders Saddle Club had another very successful year with

Looking back



Mystery photo

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

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

nearly \$3,000 in prizes given away.

First place winners included Merl Ehlerbracht, Pierpont, S.D., Bareback Bronc Riding; Jim Anas-tasion, Princeton, Saddle Bronc Riding; Jerry Stalley, Long Prairie, Bull Ridding; Jerry Rost, Blaine, Calf Roping; Paul Otto, Marshall, Steer Wrestling; Janelle Gavette, Minneapolis , Girls Barrel Race. James Thomp-son, Merrifield, was the winner of the half a beef.

• Aug. 8, 1974 - 'The Sixth Day,' a gospel singing group will be appearing Aug. 22, at 7:30 p.m. for an interdenom-inational concert to be held in the high school cafeteria.

According to Neal Zappe, publicity chairman for the group, The Sixth Day has established itself as a gospel singing group of the finest caliber. Recently they per-formed for Yes '73, during the Billy Graham Crusade in St. Paul.

• Aug. 8, 1974 - What was a neatly planted plot of mar-ijuana north of Staples in Thomastown Township is no more, due to quick action by the landowner and by deputies from the Wadena County Sheriff's depart-ment.

The landowner, who asked that his name be withheld as he apparently does not reside on that immediate property, discov-ered the marijuana plot last week as he followed a new trail across a field heading toward a wooded area. He immediately notified the Wadena County Sheriff's

office. Deputies were sent to the scene and the plants were identified as mari-juana.

Last Saturday morning, Wadena County deputies Bob Payne of Staples, Tom Dempsey of Menahga and Greg Schmitz of Verndale, went to the scene and pulled 100 plants and destroyed them by burning.

"Someone is going to be mighty surprised when they come back to care for their little marijuana garden and find nothing left," the depu-ties said as they pulled out the plants by their roots for destroying.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• Aug. 12, 1999 - The Sta-ples Motley Area Cham-ber of Commerce recently held ribbon cuttings for two new area businesses. These included Haglin Homes Construction and Holst Brothers (Darren and Derek) Construction. Chamber members on hand included Bob Reeck, Dave Howe, Kevin Roline, Craig Helling, Mayor Mike Goff, Eunice Olson, Chad Long-bella, Marv Rothstein, Mel Nefstead, Guy Blaske, Doug Denning, Huck Holst, Pastor Paul Johnson and others.

• Aug. 12, 1999 - Cory Wilson, Staples, age 13, aced the par 3, 150 yard 15th hole at The Vintage Golf Course in Staples July 26. He used a 5 iron. The hole-in-one was witnessed by Beau Pilgrim, Derek Orth and two uniden-tified adults.

Also recording hole-in-ones at The Vintage

this summer were: Merle Swecker, Motley, on the 150 yard, par 3, 15th hole on July 20 using a 7 iron; and Nathan Gregg, Twin Cities, on the 141 yard, par 3, 5th hole on Aug. 1, using a pitching wedge. Malcolm Gold was a witness to both Merle's and Nathan's hole-in-one.

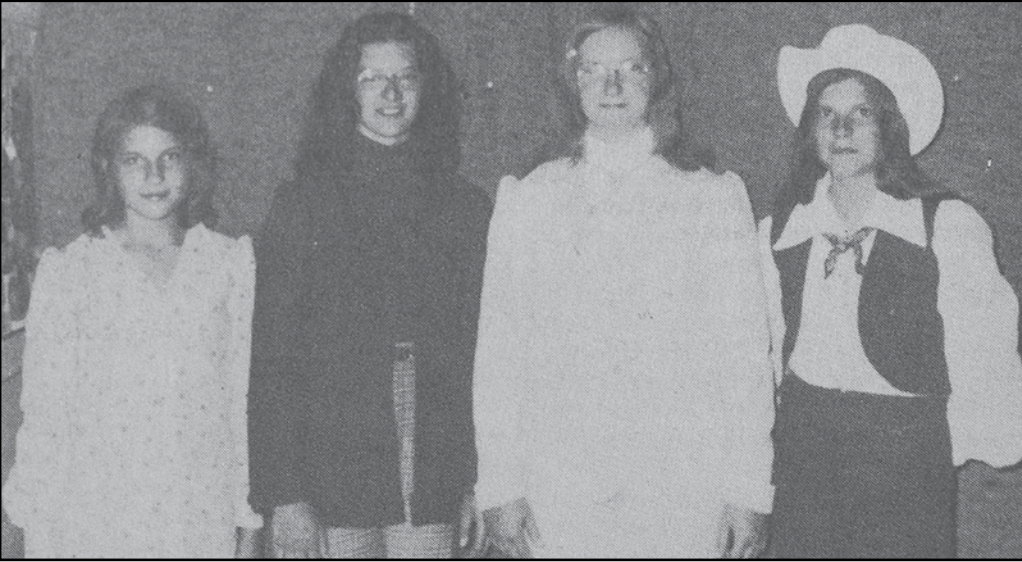
• Aug. 12, 1999 - Lloyd and Ellen Nelson are pleased to announce their son Kevin Nelson has joined their insurance agency as a licensed insurance agent. Kevin and his wife Julie, along with their three chil-dren, recently moved back to Staples after working in the Twin Cities.

Prior to moving back to Staples, Kevin worked for an insurance company in St. Paul for nearly 10 years.

• Aug. 12, 1999 - Pastor Barry Klein, his wife, Cindy and their three children, Renee (16), Erick (13) and Samuel (10), have recently begun their new ministry with the Staples Church of Christ. They finished their ministry with the Nevis Church of Christ on July 11. They have also served churches in Truman and Clarkeville, Iowa.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• Aug. 7, 2014 - The Sta-ples Rotary Club sponsored three students from Sta-ples Motley High School to attend Camp RYLA in Crookston this summer. They included Breeze Best-land, Megan Han and Erik Miller.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo pub-lished in the July 18, 1974 edition of the Staples World featured the 4-H Court of Honor clothing winners at the recently

held Morrison County Fair. Pictured, from left, Susan Underhill, Cynthia Swecke Barb Swartz and Vanessa Achermann.

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Survival of 2024 hatchlings will likely be a mixed bag

It's a dangerous world for the offspring of both game and nongame wildlife. There are a multitude of hazards that conspire to make casualties of wild youngsters, and "the numbers" may surprise some who are unfamiliar with wildlife survival data. For example, the average rate of ring-necked pheasant chick survival is only about 50 percent,

according to the conservation group Pheasants Forever. Beyond just surviving to become juveniles and adults, the average life expectancy of a ring-neck is less than one year.

Much the same is true of the ruffed grouse, Minnesota's other popular upland game bird. According to the Ruffed Grouse Society, a hunting-oriented conservation group, between 50% and 60 percent of grouse chicks do not survive beyond early autumn, and only about one in five will be part of the breeding population when the nesting season arrives a year hence.

Though man-made hazards like vehicles are responsible for some mortality where roads penetrate their habitat—and losses to agricultural practices in the case of pheasants—the majority of losses are the result of predation, both in the form of egg plundering, and when the young are

maturing into juveniles and adults. Though the cast of predator characters differs somewhat for these two upland game bird species, it broadly includes such predators as foxes, coyotes, raccoons, skunks, weasels, hawks, and owls.

Another factor that affects both young pheasants and grouse is weather; particularly rainy, cold weather when chicks are young and small, not yet fully fledged, and thus susceptible to hypothermia. Weather is a wild card that can upset expectations between when nesting season begins in spring and when upland bird hunting seasons begin in September and October.

Given the unexpectedly mild 2023-24 winter experienced widely across Minnesota, biologists with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) were confident that very limited winter mortality offered the prospect of a potential bumper crop of young game birds this coming autumn. As a case in point, the Minnesota DNR recently reported one of the highest breeding male ruffed grouse counts since 1972. This was based on a survey technique in which trained observers drive prescribed routes and listen for the very audible "drumming" sound that males employ to claim a territory and attract female grouse. This had a lot of grouse hunters excited, to say the least.

But anyone who has been attentive to statewide news, or monitoring a rain gauge in their own backyard, knows that our very mild winter was followed by very wet, drought-breaking spring and early summer

precipitation patterns over much of the state. This was especially news-making—national news, in fact—over the southern part of the state. For example, a monitoring station in Waseca County reported the third wettest May in 110 years of record keeping.

So much rain, in fact, that we're hearing reports in which DNR wildlife managers have acknowledged that there was likely significant flooding of pheasant nests, and fears that potentially significant numbers of newly-hatched chicks could have suffered post-hatch mortality. Pheasants, like many other birds, will often re-nest if their nest is destroyed. But the size of their clutch of eggs is likely to be smaller when they do.

Though there was enough rain in the more heavily forested Central and Northern regions of Minnesota to break the severe drought in which we were mired, the quantity was notably less than in Southern Minnesota. Reports of grouse brood sightings here have been mixed, but in numbers at least sufficient to inspire more hopefulness than seems the case with the state's pheasant population.

Wild turkeys, like pheasants and grouse, are also ground-nesting birds, which makes them similarly at the mercy of rainy weather. But here in the North Central part of the state where I reside, I'm seeing many hens with broods, including large broods with 10 or more youngsters. The wild turkey is a large, robust bird, one that has proven itself extremely resilient in the course of successfully

repopulating and expanding its range in Minnesota. So, if any game bird is going to beat the odds of unfavorable weather during nesting and brood rearing, it will likely be the turkey.

What about waterfowl, like ducks and geese? That old expression "...like a duck takes to water" may suggest that when it comes to waterfowl, the more water the better. But waterfowl, too, can find some watery conditions too much of a good thing. Some nest in upland areas adjacent to wetlands, while others—the redhead duck, for instance—build nests in cattail or bulrush stands just above water level. Both can be susceptible to flooding before ducklings are even born.

And, like the young of pheasants, grouse, and turkeys, even young waterfowl are susceptible to hypothermia. This may be the cause of death if a duckling or gosling's down-covered body—which lacks the thermal protection of an adult bird's contour feathers—becomes soaked during untimely heavy rains. Chill temperatures can compound the loss of body heat, and hasten death.

It's certainly too early to tell just what will be the ultimate effects of 2024's extreme weather on Minnesota's wildlife, both game and nongame species. Future observations and reports by our resource professionals, and others whose lives revolve around the outdoors, will eventually fill in the details. But one thing that 2024's weather has reminded us of is that some things—big things—are beyond our control.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I want to make sure all concerned, conservative voters in Congressional District 7 are aware of the importance of voting in the Primary election on Tuesday, August 13. Better yet, vote any time before August 13th at the courthouse or bring your mail-in ballot to the courthouse to ensure that it's counted.

Royce White is the endorsed Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, winning 67 percent of the state convention delegates' votes on the first ballot against Joe Fraser. Joe Fraser had agreed to abide by the results of the Republican State Convention, but after the loss decided to run anyway. To me that's an integrity issue. Fraser also says he plans to concentrate on the suburbs. Anyone who knows Minnesota politics knows you need to get at least 10 percent (%) of the Metro to win.

Royce is a grassroots candidate from St. Paul, so he will be able to swing voters from both sides. Royce is the only candidate who can beat Klobuchar.

Steve Boyd is running against second term Representative Michelle Fischbach for the U.S. House. Neither candidate was able to secure 60 percent of the vote needed for an endorsement.

Steve Boyd, a hard-working, Christian man of high principles, and a strong supporter for life and our American constitution. You may have seen him walking in one of 37 parades or at one of countless town hall meetings he's attended or one of the 10 county fairs. Perhaps he came to your door, as he has to nearly 10,000 other homes across the district.

Only one candidate for the U.S. Senate and one for the U.S. House of Representatives will win the primary election on August 13th and be on the ballot for the November election. We believe we need fresh blood and people of strong conviction who will not be bought off in congress! Let your voice be heard by voting and encourage your like-minded friends and neighbors to vote in the primary Tuesday, August 13.

Bret Bussman
Browerville

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Quote of the week

“You can’t put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get.”
— Michael Phelps, Olympic Swimmer

Quote of the week

“Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us.”
— Wilma Rudolph, Olympic Track & Field Athlete

Quote of the week

“The only victory that counts is the one over yourself.”
— Jesse Owens, Olympic Track & Field Athlete

Staples World 2024 election policies

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor in support of or in opposition to a specific candidate, political party or ballot question may be paid for and placed on the opinion page under the heading of "Paid Political Letter."

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Political ads will be charged the regular Staples World advertising rates and must include a disclaimer that identifies the purchaser and any political affiliation.

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The regular deadline for letters to the editor, advertisements and news releases in the Staples World is noon on Friday.

For the general election, the Staples World may refuse letters or advertisements raising new issues after Friday, Oct. 18. Any responses to issues raised in previous letters must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 25, at noon.

Center for Rural Policy and Development to focus future research on five areas

From Center for Rural Policy and Development

Recently we announced our research agenda and themes for the upcoming three years. This agenda is designed to better understand and help address the pressing challenges and opportunities faced every day by rural communities across Minnesota.

For the first time since being established in 1997, CRPD is setting out a multi-year agenda and themes. The five themes recommended by staff and selected by CRPD's Board of Directors reflect the broad array of issues and challenges facing rural communities and build on the important research conducted by the organization over the past two and a half decades.

The five research themes are:

Remaining Resilient in an Aging Rural Minnesota

Like all areas, rural Minnesota is experiencing a significant demographic shift

due to the retirement of the Baby Boomer generation. Having a relatively older population will mean greater impacts for rural places. CRPD's research will explore:

- Whether we have the resources necessary to care for our elders
- Filling the workforce shortage left by retirees
- The social and financial infrastructure impacts from shifting demographics

The Future of Rural Access to Well-Being

With the ongoing push to rein in rapidly increasing healthcare costs, rural areas are facing shrinking access to essential services. CRPD's focus will be on:

- Current and future access to healthcare services
- Sustainability of rural EMS
- Access to mental health and addiction services

The Role of Rural Places and People in a Shifting Energy Infrastructure and the Environment

As Minnesota continues

its transition to greater use of renewable energy and prepares for impacts related to climate change, rural areas will play a critical role. CRPD's studies will cover:

- Rural Minnesota's role in renewable energy infrastructure
- Adapting to climate change and ensuring environmental well-being

Funding Local Government in Changing Times

Our local governments have evolved since the "Minnesota Miracle" of the 1970s. CRPD's research will investigate:

- How the funding structure of local governments, transportation, and infrastructure has changed over the years
- The issue of rising incivility towards our civil servants and public workers

A New Future for Rural Child Care

CRPD has already done groundbreaking work in this area. We will continue to provide solution-oriented research on maintaining

and increasing childcare capacity in rural Minnesota. Key topics include:

- Efforts to maintain and increase childcare capacity
- State support for childcare initiatives

"For more than 25 years, the Center for Rural Policy & Development has served as our state's premier source for information and recommendations that help policymakers understand and improve the lives of people in rural Minnesota," said Julie Tesch, President and CEO of the Center for Rural Policy & Development. "Our work on topics including the childcare crisis, rural EMS and ambulance services, mental healthcare access, housing, and workforce development has sparked important conversations and inspired real change. Our ambitious agenda for the next three years will continue to lead the way in ensuring that the challenges facing rural Minnesota are tackled head on with actionable data, information, and recommendations."

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Enjoying the sweet sounds of ‘Acoustofiddle’

Above: Jeff Menten (left) of Park Rapids, and Paul Nye of Walker, members of Acoustofiddle, played a variety of songs at the Music in the Park event in Staples July 28. Due to rain, the concert was moved from Northern Pacific Park to Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. The repertoire of Acoustofiddle included jazz, folk, old-time country and pop standards, including “Horse With No Name” by America and “Eleanor Rigby” by the Beatles. For their encore, the musicians played a rousing rendition of “The Orange Blossom Special.”

Lower photo: Jeff Menten poses with one of his violin students, Abel Domogalla, 10, of Park Rapids. Abel attended the concert with his grandparents, Pastor Barry and Cindy Klein of Staples, his mom, Renee, and sisters, all of Park Rapids. He said it inspired him to keep taking lessons from Menten, and to be able to play some of these songs himself someday. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Northwinds Wind Ensemble to perform

The Northwinds Wind Ensemble will perform Sunday, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m., at the CTC Center in Pillager. This will be their final concert for the summer season.

Staples musician Jeanne Rohr will be featured in a clarinet solo, “Clarinet Escapade.” She will be joined by other members of the clarinet section at the finale of the piece.

Rohr shared that the Northwinds Wind ensemble was formed last summer by Brendan Warren, a Bemidji State University music major, along with Rob Frelove, the Pillager High School band director.

The band is directed by Warren, along with Tristan Helling, band director at Remer-Longville High School. There are approximately 30 members in the band, ranging in age from recent high school grads to 70 years old. The band draws membership from Wadena, Baxter/Brainerd, Ironton, Staples, and cities in between...filled with people who love to play music together.

In addition to her work with The Northwinds Wind Ensemble, Rohr has kept busy this summer as a member of the Bemidji Community Band, the River Rats band, and recently played in the pit orchestra for the Pillager Players Community Theatre’s “Mary Poppins.” During the school year, Rohr sings with the Staples Area Women’s Chorus, plays clarinet in the Wadena Area Band and Lang Prairie Chamber Orchestra. In recent years, she’s also played with the Heartland Symphony Orchestra, in pit orchestras for local musicals, is a church musician, and gives a few woodwind lessons.

Rohr is looking forward to the upcoming show with the Northwinds Wind Ensemble. The CTC Center is located at 323 2nd St. E., Pillager. Free will donations accepted.



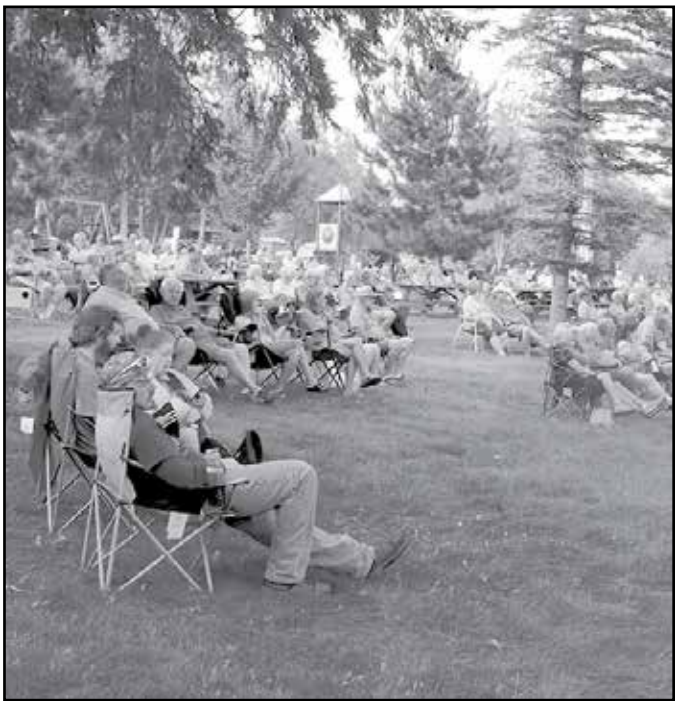
Communities Connect moving to CLC campus

Staples Motley Beyond Poverty is moving their Communities Connect event to Central Lakes College this year.

It will be Wednesday, Aug. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CLC, north of Staples.

This annual event will include many resources that are available to the public, including county services, health care providers, veterans services, senior citizen services, Legal Aid, mental health professionals and many more.

This free event also includes a free lunch, gifts, prizes and haircut vouchers.



Faithful fans enjoying music in the park

A large crowd came out to hear the music of Eric Neznic and Jason Franzen July 21, at the Music in the Park event in Staples. Although rain fell earlier in the afternoon, the skies cleared prior to the event and even mosquitoes stayed away until the closing number, making for a very pleasant evening for a concert. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Aug. 8

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

Aug. 9

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.

Aug. 11

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

Aug. 12

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave.

S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

Aug. 13

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

Aug. 14

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Marcie Miller, Credentialing Manager
Nominated by Jessica Holmberg, Credentialing Specialist

"Marcie is the epitome of the LHS core values, she is a wealth of knowledge, a terrific teacher and the most amazing manager. No matter the time or what is already piled on her plate, she always takes the time to help not only me but the providers, administration, and anyone else that comes into her path. Her integrity is unmatched, she makes sure we are following the state laws as well as the Medical Staff bylaws. Every day there is a change to a law or something new to be learned; Marcie is always on top of it. The work we do is behind the scenes so not many people know what we really do. Marcie truly deserves to be recognized."

Samantha Killian, CRA/TMA, Care Center
Nominated by Quality Committee

"The Quality Committee would like to recognize Samantha for a Good Catch. Samantha was reviewing a medication order with the box of medication prior to administering. She saw that the box of medication was different than what was ordered. The correct medication was received from the pharmacy and the incorrect box was returned with all doses intact and unused. Great job by Samantha with this catch. This catch represents her high quality of care."

Lori Smith, Central Supply Specialist
Nominated by Ashley Wallgren, RN, Care Center Director of Nursing

"Lori was added to our Care Center team as a Central Supply Specialist this last year. There were several new tasks and workflows she needed to adjust to as well as take direction quickly and think innovatively to correct processes that needed accountability. Every task or change that came her way with an outbreak or new regulation, she listened, gave feedback/insight, then went above and beyond with expectations each time. Her organizational skills, critical thinking, and hard work were put to the test every day and she showed her true grit and commitment, seeing each task through to the end. Lori's strong compassion for her job has shown brightly and is something she leads by example with each day."

Megan Dolezal, CRT, Respiratory Therapy
Nominated by Alisa Olson, RN, BSN, Radiology/Cardiology & Emergency Services

"A sick patient presented to the ER in respiratory distress. The ER was very busy at the time and the provider was in with another critical patient. Megan was called and asked to come see the patient. Upon entering the patient's room she had a calm demeanor and immediately started assessing and providing interventions. She explained everything she was doing to the anxious family members at the bedside. She spent several hours in the ER with this patient attending to his respiratory needs. This patient needed expedited care which Megan provided compassionately, and her vast knowledge and skills were apparent."

Susie Hortsmann, CRA, Care Center Activities Assistant
Nominated by anonymously

"Susie is willing to help wherever there is a need. She goes above and beyond to do scheduled activity tasks and if there is any free time, she will also assist with hygiene tasks such as helping with shaving, assisting with toileting or running errands for residents and tenants. Susie also volunteers to help do extra assessments and computer work for her peers when there is a need. Another thing that she is comfortable and willing to share is her faith with any of the residents or tenants that want her to do so. She treats all residents and tenants the same no matter what their capacity, and they really miss her when she is gone."

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Student Achievements

ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY has announced its 2024 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher. Local students named include:

- Daniel Leone, Staples
- Oliver Lund, Staples
- Sarah Marte, Staples

Staples High School Class of '74 reunion

The Staples High School Class of 1974 will hold its 50th reunion Friday, Aug. 16, during Railroad Days, at Pine Grove Park in Staples. The event begins at 3 p.m. and the park closes at 9 p.m. Bottled water and snacks will be provided; bring your own beverages. For more information, check the Facebook page: Staples Class of 1974 Reunion.

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Obituary

Kristin Daniels

Kristin Daniels, 45, of St. Cloud, passed away Sunday, July 21, 2024, surrounded by family, after a nine-year journey with cancer.

A service in memory of Kristin will be held at a later date.



Kristin was born July 5, 1979, in Clinton, Iowa and grew up in Lincoln, Minnesota. She was a bright spark and an unforgettable force in the lives she touched. For many years, Kristin shared her musical talent by playing the piano for her church and cherished spending time with her children. Recently, she found immense joy in becoming a grandmother.

Kristin enjoyed a variety of activities, including fishing, snowmobiling, four-wheeling and just being outdoors. Although she wouldn't admit it, she would tap into her artistic side when she was bored, drawing, painting or creating something to hang on the wall. She had a deep love for dogs and was hoping to adopt a pit bull soon.

Kristin was a fighter who never gave up and never let her cancer slow her down. She lived on her own terms.

Kristin is survived by four children, Vanessa Nelson, Morgan Nelson, Makayla Nelson and Zach Nelson; one granddaughter, Mayella Turnbaugh; mother, Linda Perry; one sister, Leah Jensen; three brothers, Dan Dickinson, John Dickinson and Chris Daniels; her close friend, Ray Meek and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Douglas Daniels.

Kristin will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her. Her spirit, persistence and love will forever remain in our hearts.

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Staples Area Church Directory

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Adult Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.

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

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

Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
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Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

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Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
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
Leader.....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 Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
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MASS:
Sunday.....10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
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 Maltore
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, 2nd and 4th Sundays.....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.

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

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman 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 Maltore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

St. Frederick Catholic Church
20 Mason Avenue NW
Verndale.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday.....6:00 p.m.

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

Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info: 218-837-5690 Call first.

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

"Revival"

Fr. Rick Aubol, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples

Many Christians are familiar with the term revival. They may use it frequently; it's probably even something they look forward to. Revivals can be regular, e.g. yearly, or more sporadic, as the leadership senses the needs of the community. Catholics don't usually think of revival as much as others, what with their regular, comprehensive calendar, they have something going every day. Still though, there's a place for every good thing in the Church and revival is no different. Sometimes, we as humans just need something extra, out of the ordinary, to give us a fresh outlook, a new perspective, a jump start.

Just a few weeks ago, the Church in America experienced a high point of a three-year long, nationwide revival. As everyone is aware, faith has been struggling in our country and our world for a long time. So many aren't aware of the depth of the Faith, and so they don't realize

the fruit it is given to produce, so they see less evidence of their faith, which weakens it still more, and so on.

In the Catholic Church several years ago, this became impossible to ignore with an important poll result indicating that most people self-identifying as Catholic were unaware of one of the most crucial, fundamental teachings of God's presence among us on earth. Something had to be done, and that something was, and is, revival.

Many ideas and practices were rekindled and new ones developed, teachings taught and relationships built. Here is not room to even list all the ways that devotion to Our Lord, the One Mediator, Jesus, has been fostered. But the most important takeaway, is that the purpose of revival is not complete at the end of some event, however big, but is built into the name, re-, again, vivere, to live.

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Rotary's newest member, and new president

The Staples Rotary Club celebrated a new president and a new member in addition to presenting achievement awards at a social June 27, at The Vintage Golf Club in Staples. Jerel Nelsen (above right and below left) became the new president and accepted the gavel from Kurt Wilson (below right). The club also welcomed Lucas Wakefield (above left), city economic development authority director, as its newest member. (Submitted photos)



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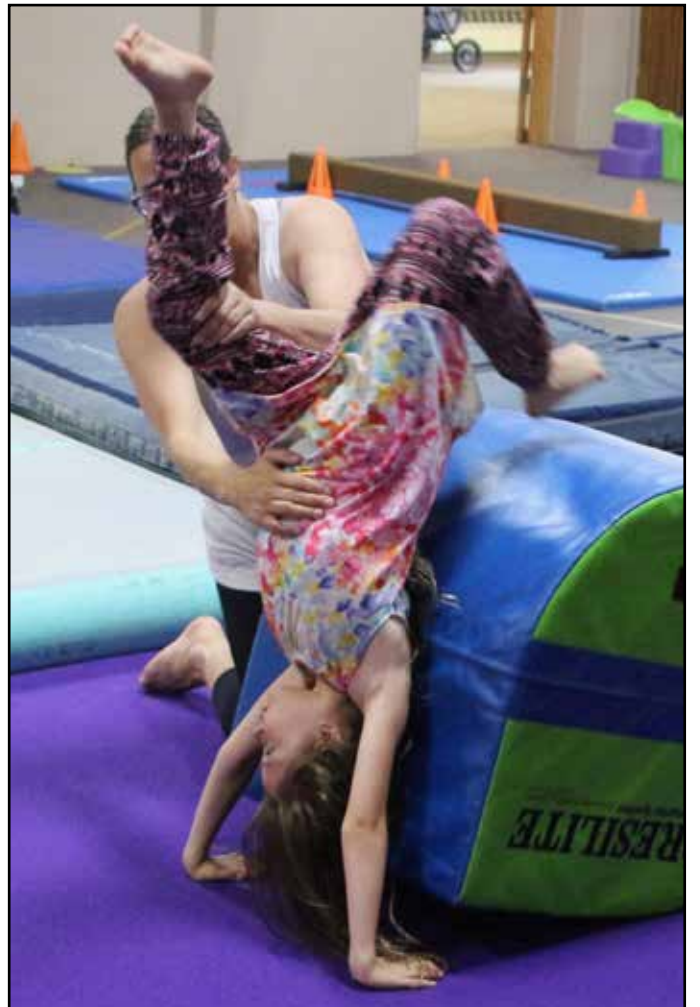
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Beginner tumbling

Staples-Motley Community Education tumbling classes started in July, with local girls and boys learning skills and strengthening their bodies for gymnastics events. A second session of tumbling starts Aug. 19. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Changes to Minnesota’s Child Passenger Safety Law now in effect

Law now specifies ages for child safety seats and increases booster seat use to nine-years-old

MN Dept. of Public Safety,
Office of Public Safety

Families and caregivers should prepare for changes to the Minnesota Child Passenger Safety Law. Starting Aug. 1, 2024, new guidance on child seats, booster seats and seat belts go into effect that may change how children ride in a vehicle.

What’s changing?

Every driver transporting children under age 18 in a vehicle will be required to have them restrained in a child safety seat or with a seat belt.

The updated law gives more guidance to parents and caregivers as they strive to keep kids safe. Prior to the changes, state law required car seats to be used according to manufacturer’s instructions on height and weight. Now, instead of just relying on the child’s size, the law specifies ages for rear- and forward-facing car seats, booster seats and seat belts (subject to weight and height depending on the child seat manufacturer). In addition, the booster seat requirement has been increased from eight to nine years old. The age guidelines include:

Birth to at least two years old:

•Rear-facing in an infant or convertible child safety seat.

At least two years old AND has outgrown the rear-facing seat with internal harness by

height or weight:

•Forward-facing with an internal harness.

Four years old AND has outgrown the forward-facing seat with internal harness by height and weight:

•Ride restrained in a belt-positioning booster seat using the lap belt and shoulder belt.

Nine years old or has outgrown the booster seat AND the child can pass the five-step test that demonstrates how the seat belt fits correctly:

•Ride restrained with a lap belt and shoulder belt secured correctly on the vehicle seat.

Additionally, children under 13 years old must sit in the back seat if possible.

New law based on best practice

The new law is based on best practice and mirrors the American Academy of Pediatrics child seat recommendations. It keeps children from prematurely graduating to the next level of restraint.

If a child falls into more than one category, then the child must be placed in the safer restraint for them. For example, a child who is two and one-half years old and weighs 35 pounds but has a car seat with a rear-facing limit of 40 pounds must stay rear-facing even though they are over two years old.

It’s very important for parents and caregivers to always read their car seat and vehicle owners’ manuals for proper installation.

“We all want our children to be as safe as possible while we’re driving and that means making sure they are in the proper child restraint,” said Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Director Mike Hanson. “The new law lays out best practices and will help parents make the best decision to protect their child.”

Why it’s important

Crashes are a leading cause of injury and death among children. Proper car seat use helps protect and minimize injuries to our youngest passengers.

In Minnesota crashes from 2019 to 2023, preliminary figures show:

Of the 12,827 children ages zero to seven properly restrained, 89 percent were not injured. Another 10 percent sustained only minor injuries.

Twenty children ages zero to seven were killed in motor vehicles. Of those, only 10 were known to be properly secured.

Of the 81 children (ages zero to seven) seriously injured in motor vehicles, only 44 percent were known to be properly secured.

Resources

•If you need help installing a car

seat or need more information, go to buckleupkids.dps.mn.gov.

•Learn more about the law from the Minnesota Safety Council.

•View the law’s updated requirements.

About the Minnesota Department of Public Safety

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety’s 2,100 employees operate programs in the areas of law enforcement, crime victim assistance, traffic safety, alcohol and gambling, emergency communications, fire safety, pipeline safety, driver licensing, vehicle registration and emergency management. DPS activity is anchored by three core principles: education, enforcement and prevention.

About the Office of Traffic Safety

The MN Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) designs, implements and coordinates federally funded traffic safety enforcement and education programs to improve driver behaviors and reduce the deaths and serious injuries that occur on Minnesota roads. These efforts form a strong foundation for the statewide Toward Zero Deaths traffic safety program. OTS also administers state funds for the motorcycle safety program, child seats for needy families program and school bus stop arm camera project.

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD JUNE 17, 2024

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner’s Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 17th day of June, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Byers and Commissioner Denny.

Approval of Agenda

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

Closed Session

Chair Becker closed the session at 11:03 a.m. pursuant to MN Statute §13D.03 to consider strategies for labor negotiations.

Chair Becker reopened the session at 12:55 p.m.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Witness my hand and seal:

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

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD JUNE 18, 2024

Call to Order

On a motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the Special County Board meeting held June 17th, 2024 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on July 2, 2024.

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner’s Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 18th day of June, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous

vote: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner’s Meeting Minutes for June 4, 2024 as presented.

Approve the resignation of Temporary Eligibility Worker Lisa Chapin effective June 12, 2024.

To hire Cassandra Ortiz to fill the open Social Worker Intern position.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Noska and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403264 through 403296 in the amount of \$14,139.26 and (Regular) 58095 through 58137 in the amount of \$178,716.36 for a total of \$192,855.62.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 805431 through 805485 and (Regular) 712033 through 712075 for a total of \$95,006.30.

On motion by Neumann and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 601308 through 601332 and (Regular) 517896 through 517937 for a total amount of \$169,345.13.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the 2024 Todd County Election Emergency Plan as presented.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE TRANSFER STATION PROJECT SUPPORT VIA ARPA FUNDING

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

WHEREAS, Todd County has committed \$1,000,000 of the ARP/SLFRF funding to the Transfer Station Construction Project via BA#20240319-36, and;

WHEREAS, the Transfer Station Construction Project is well underway and funding

for construction expenses is needed to keep the project moving forward, and;

WHEREAS, audit standards require County Board approval prior to transferring monies between two different funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from Fund 19-ARP/SLFRF to Fund 51-Solid Waste to realign eligible ARP-SLFRF expenses to the Solid Waste Fund where the support of the Transfer Station Construction Project expense occurred.

Public Works

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

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION – 2024 DUST CONTROL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with Knife River Corporation for a 2024 Dust Control Construction Contract known as CP 77-24-08 located on various county roads in Todd County in all things been completed, and;

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2024 with the value of the total work certified being \$147,052.95, and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$139,706.41 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$7,346.54 still remains to be paid to Knife River Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Todd and authorizes final payment as specified.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the attached quote from Greystone Construction for the replacement of the Northern Shop Salt Shed Roof for \$39,000.00.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Denny and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition to clean a portion of the Middle Branch on CD4 in section 31 Eagle Valley Twp.

Facilities Department

On motion by Byers and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote with Commissioner Noska abstaining: To approve the low bid from Chad Twardowski Excavating INC for a total of \$34,061.

County Sheriff

On motion by Neumann and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Purchase 3 2024 Chevy Tahoes from North County GM and equipment from Emergency Automotive Technologies for a total price of \$177,703.02.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and approve the Windy Acres preliminary plat on parcel 28-0001400 with the conditions below.

1. New accesses from the township road shall be approved by the local township prior to installation.

2. Applicant abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and approve the Berrys Wooded Acres preliminary plat on parcel 24-0036000 with the condition below.

1. New accesses from the township road shall be approved by the local township prior to installation.

2. Applicant abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP on parcel 01-0027701 with following conditions.

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

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

Soil & Water

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Authorize the hiring of a Farm Bill Biologist.

Health & Human Services

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

To approve the temporary WIC contract with St. Joseph’s Area Health Services.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the change of one Health Education Coordinator to a Paraprofessional Case Aide position.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the letter of support for Hilltop Square.

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the HHS-Financial Support Services unit, Annex II redesign.

Administration

On motion by Neumann and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve contract with Madden Galanter Hansen.

County Auditor-Treasurer’s Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported attending the AMC Region meeting and will be moving forward with our election training courses. Absentee voting for the State Primary Election will open on Friday, June 28th, 2024.

County Attorney’s Report

The County Attorney reported a staffing update.

County Coordinator’s Report

The County Coordinator reported that the office is now fully staffed, attended the solid waste committee meeting, attended the AMC Region meeting and attended the Extension meeting at the Lissou family farm.

County Commissioner’s Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Denny attended the Solid Waste and Emergency Services Board meetings.

Commissioner Becker attended the Extension, Policies, AMC Region, volunteer for Ronald McDonald ride, TWCC, Personnel, Facilities, SWCD and Special Board meetings.

Commissioner Neumann attended the Policies, AMC Region, Personnel, Dept Head, SWCD, Solid Waste, Rainbow Rider, Special Board, JD2 Millers Bay on Lake Osakis meetings. Also, a note was made that the SRWD has accepted the Higgins Lake bond which will be on the SRWD agenda this evening.

Commissioner Byers attended the TCDC, Extension, Facilities meetings and met with the HHS & MIS divisions.

Commissioner Noska attended the TWCC, TCDC, Emergency Fair Board and Special Board meeting.

Adjourn

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

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
CHAMBERLAIN OIL COMPANY	\$3,368.00
FARM-RITE EQUIPMENT, INC.	3,551.88
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC	5,626.63
MAAC	4,800.00
TODD SOIL & WATER CONS DIST	141,044.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	6,012.10
70 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	28,453.01
Total:	\$192,855.62

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
4 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	1,070.39
V#16896 - COST EFF	
HEALTH INS	2,325.90
RURAL MN CEP INC	23,649.25
TODD COUNTY AUDITOR/ TREASURER	15,096.10
TODD COUNTY SHERIFF	3,888.49
USPS-POC	6,056.00
89 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	42,920.17
Total:	95,006.30

VENDOR NAME		\$ AMOUNT
#16704		\$6,865.26
#16192		2,564.94
#16095		4,022.25
GREATER MN FAMILY SRVS INC		10,284.91
#16975		10,346.91
HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH		20,918.80
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS		6,179.91
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MN - ST PAUL		3,381.30
MIDWEST MONITORING & SURVEILLANCE		2,115.67
NEXUS-KINDRED FAMILY HEALING		2,878.73
#16208		3,074.54
STEP		8,328.85
VALLEY LAKE BOYS HOME INC		8,835.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC		37,721.11
VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA		12,279.72
52 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000		29,547.23
Total:		\$169,345.13

On a motion by Byers and second by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held June 18, 2024 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on July 2, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Barbara Becker, County Board Chairperson
/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
IN DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
\$525.312 #2
Court File No.
77-PR-24-652

In Re: Estate of
MARTIN WILLIAM
JOBE,
AKA MARTIN JOBE,
Deceased,

ORDER FOR
HEARING PETITION
FOR DESCENT OF
PROPERTY

The petition of Ryan Jobe, dated July 15, 2024, having been filed in this Court representing that the above named decedent has been dead for more than three years leaving certain property therein described, and requesting the descent of said property be determined and assigned by the Court to the persons entitled thereto.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that said petition be heard on September 9, 2024, at 10:14 a.m. by the above-named Court at Long Prairie, State of Minnesota in an administrative non-appearance hearing.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that said petitioner give notice of said hearing in the manner prescribed by M.S.A. §524.1-401 to all persons entitled to notice pursuant to M.S.A. §524.3-403 and to all persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to M.S.A. §524.3-204.

BY THE COURT
Dated: July 31, 2024

Daniel Benson
Judge of District Court

(COURT SEAL)

KIM PETERSON
Court Administrator
Amanda Fish
Deputy
Court Administrator

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NOTICE
BECKER TOWNSHIP
MEETING

Due to the primary election on August 13, 2024, the Becker Township meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on the 13th at the town hall. This is in accordance with MN state laws.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
ON A PROPOSAL
FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF HEATH
CARE FACILITY LEASE
REVENUE NOTES,
SERIES 2024
(LAKEWOOD HEALTH)

Notice is hereby given that the Governing (District) Board of the United Hospital District, Todd, Morrison, Cass and Wadena Counties, a public body corporate and politic and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota (the "Issuer") will meet in Classroom A of the Lakewood Health System Main Campus, 49725 County 83, in the city of Staples, Minnesota, at 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2024 in connection with the financing of the Project hereinafter described, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 447.45 to 447.50 and Chapter 475, by the issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt or taxable revenue notes or other obligations (the "Notes") by the Issuer.

The Notes will be used to (i) finance the acquisition, construction, and equipping of approximately 20,000 square foot addition to the Issuer's healthcare facility located at 49725 County 83 in Staples, Minnesota (the "Main Campus") for the provision of cancer treatment services (the "Oncology Facility"), (ii) finance the acquisition and installation of equipment to be used for the provision of cancer treatment services at the Oncology Facility (the "Oncology Equipment"); (iii) finance the renovation of the pharmacy located at the Main Campus (iv) fund any required reserve funds; and (v) pay all or a portion of the costs of issuance (collectively, the "Project"). The Main Campus, the Oncology Facility and the Oncology Equipment are and will be owned by the Issuer and leased to Lakewood Health System, a Minnesota non-profit corporation (the "Lessee").

The public hearing is being held pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") because the Notes will be issued as "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds" under the Code. The aggregate estimated principal amount of the Notes to be issued to finance the Project will be an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.

After the public hearing, the Issuer may issue the Notes to finance the Project. The Notes, as and when issued, will not constitute a charge, lien, or encumbrance upon any property of the Issuer, except the Project and certain other facilities owned by the Issuer. The Notes will not be a charge against the general credit or taxing powers of the Issuer, but will be payable from revenues produced by the Project and certain other facilities owned by the Issuer.

At the time and place fixed for the public hearing, the Board will give all

persons who appear at the hearing an opportunity to express their views with respect to the proposal. In addition, interested persons may file written comments respecting the proposal with the Secretary of the Board at 49725 County 83, Staples, Minnesota, at or prior to the public hearing.

Dated: August 7, 2024

BY ORDER
OF THE BOARD OF
THE UNITED HOSPITAL
DISTRICT, TODD,
MORRISON, CASS AND
WADENA COUNTIES

/s/Lana Hansen,
Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

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? Call or email 320-732-4420 or toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Board of Adjustment 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 July 25, 2024, Board of Adjustment meeting minutes

1. Terry Hempleman: Section 01, Turtle Creek Township, Star Lake

Site Address: 38594 Northstar Dr., Cushing, MN 56443

PID: 24-0000101

1. Request to decrease the West OHWL setback from 150' to 30' for a proposed 60 sq. ft. dwelling addition in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning.

Adjournment

Next meeting: September 26, 2024

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.**

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Richard Johnson, Chair
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NOTICE
TODD COUNTY HRA
PUBLIC HEARING

The Todd County Housing & Redevelopment Authority will hold a Public Hearing on September 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to approve the 2025 Capital Fund Projects, Policies, and the 2025 Annual plan and five (5) year plan.

This information is available for review at Todd County HRA, 300 Linden Ave. S, Browerville, MN 56438, Tuesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Kim Wallace
Executive Director

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NOTICE
VILLARD TOWNSHIP
ELECTIONS/MEETING

The Villard Township Hall will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 for Elections.

The regular scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15 at 7 p.m. at the Villard Town Hall, Philbrook, MN.

Mary Trantina Koenig,
Clerk
Villard Township

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MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF
CANDIDATE FILING
DATES

A reminder that the following township offices will be voted for at the State General Election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Candidates may file for these offices from July 30 2024 through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. You may call Ty Peterson, 703-209-2678 for an appointment or the office of the clerk will be open Tuesday, August 13, 2024 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. located at 7969 65th Ave. SW, Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 5, 2024:

- One (1) Township Treasurer - four (4) year term
- One (1) Supervisor - four (4) year term (Seat 1)
- One (1) Supervisor - four (4) year term (Seat 2)
- One (1) Supervisor - two (2) year term (Seat 3) special election to fill appointed seat

Ty Peterson, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township
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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

DATE: July 2, 2024
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage.

INFORMATION
REGARDING
MORTGAGE TO BE
FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: **January 29, 2021**
2. Mortgagors: **Barbara A. Preston, a single person**
3. Mortgagees: **Mid-Central National Bank**
4. Recording Information:

Recorded on **February 16, 2021**, as Document Number **523911**, in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: **None**
- INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES**

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: **29-0008500**
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises:

Lots 17 and 18, Block 2, Original Townsite of Bertha, Todd County, Minnesota

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: **110 - 1st Ave NE, Bertha, MN 56437**

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage:

X is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.-

The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is

Mid-Central National Bank

**520 Jefferson St S
PO Box 152
Wadena, MN 56482**

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is **Mid-Central National Bank, Alanna A. Burns.**

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
12. The original principal amount secured by the

Mortgage was **\$54,000.00**.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: **\$53,379.72.**

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Todd County, Minnesota, at public auction on **August 29, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**, at the **Todd County Sheriff's Office, 115 3rd Street S, Long Prairie, MN 56347.**

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is **6 months** after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is **11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2025.**

THE TIME ALLOWED BYLAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
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Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee
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Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for your condolences, hugs and cards at the passing of my dear friend, Mary Noska. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was appreciated. Also, a special thank you to everyone who donated to the Barn Quilts of Central MN. Mary loved making barn quilts and expanding the trail!

Sincerely, Lisa Kajer
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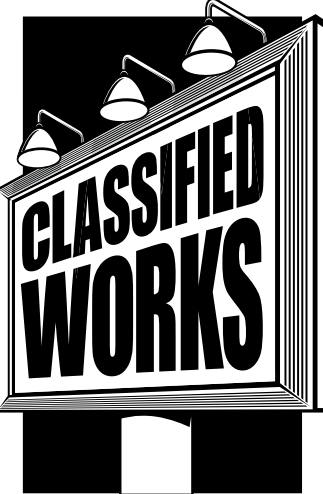
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Giving a glowing report

Frank Vascellaro and Heather Brown, anchors at WCCO television, a CBS affiliated station in Minneapolis, were at Living Legacy Gardens in Staples Aug. 1, one of the stops during filming of their 'Goin' to the Lake' series. They had many positive things to say about the gardens, as well as the surrounding area. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Down to earth celebrities

During their two days in the Motley/Staples area, WCCO anchors Heather Brown (far left) and Frank Vascellaro (far right) took time to visit with locals at their various stops along the way. Pictured above, at Living Legacy Gardens in Staples Aug. 1, the TV personalities chatted with Carmen Schimpp, Staples, and Staples Mayor Ron Murray.



Coffee break at the Stomping Grounds

The WCCO news/production crew took a break at the Stomping Grounds coffee shop in Staples Aug. 2, prior to heading out to McGivern Park, where they planned to film a segment about tubing on the Crow Wing River. The team was in the Motley-Staples area Aug. 1 and 2, as part of their 'Goin' to the Lake' summer series.

Pictured, from left, are Matt Liddy, WCCO production manager; Frank Vascellaro, WCCO anchor; Lindsey Williams, Stomping Grounds owner; Heather Brown, WCCO anchor; Tom Aviles, WCCO photo journalists; and Mitchell Krisnik, WCCO creative producer.



Living Legacy Gardens fans

Mary Sperley and Tyler Grunewald, both of Staples, were at Living Legacy Gardens Aug. 1, to help welcome the WCCO news crew who were filming there that day, for their 'Goin' to the Lake' series. Sperley is a longtime volunteer at Living Legacy, and Grunewald is the Ag Program Coordinator at AgCentric, headquartered at Central Lakes College in Staples. AgCentric and CLC's Ag & Energy Center was also highlighted during the recent 'Goin' to the Lake' series.



TV reporter at The World

Heather Brown, WCCO News reporter and anchor, was parked outside the Staples World newspaper, on her way to another assignment in the Staples area. Brown and the rest of the production crew were in town Aug. 1 and 2, filming a segment of WCCO's 'Goin' to the Lake' series.



Learning more about the Staples/Motley area

WCCO anchor Frank Vascellaro (third from left) visited with Staples Mayor Ron Murray (far right) and others in between filming at Living Legacy Gardens in Staples. The WCCO production crew were in the Staples and Motley area Aug. 1 and 2, for their 'Goin' to the Lake' summer series.

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There's much to experience in Staples/Motley area

happens elsewhere, but from the reports shared by Vascellaro and Brown during their recent two-day adventure, it's clear that Staples and Motley have a lot to offer.

When asked how Staples/Motley was chosen as a destination in their series, Vascellaro said that it was an area in the state they'd never highlighted. One of their production crew had traveled through here on the way to visit family near Park Rapids, and suggested Staples/Motley as a possibility.

A few WCCO scouts traveled that way to check it out, and agreed that this area, "in the heart of cabin country," as described by the anchors, would be a great place to do a story.

Over the course of Aug. 1 and 2, the production crew visited a number of landmarks in Staples and Motley, including Campfire Bay Resort (they loved the campfire donuts made by owners Brian and Heather Sams), Living Legacy Gardens, Veterans Park in Staples, the Ag & Energy Center at Central Lakes College, and the Tri County Livestock Auction in Motley.

Along the way, they fished at Dower Lake in Staples, from the longest wooden pier in Minnesota (receiving some great tips from fishing guide Kevin Grondahl of Staples), went tubing down the Crow Wing River (along with a few area high school students), and had some adventures at Camp Shamaineau in Motley - Brown wowed viewers with her launch from 'the blob' into the lake, as did Vascellaro with his unique approach to the 25-ft high ropes course which earned him the nickname 'Scooty.' "Good, clean fun," the two said of the camp's activities.

The production crew visited a number of eateries in the area as well, including the Olde Tyme Trading Post and Silo in Motley (Brown raved about the ice cream there), and Staples restaurants Tower Pizza (the wild rice pizza was a favorite), Monte Azul (they loved the

colorful atmosphere), the Stomping Grounds coffee shop (they appreciated owner Lindsey Williams' hospitality), and Beck's Burger Co. Vascellaro described Beck's as being a 'farm to table' restaurant, noting that owner Mike Becker raises beef cattle at his farm, used to make the quality burgers served at Beck's.

Descriptive words such as "stunning," "beautiful" and "peaceful" were used to describe several locations they visited, including the Living Legacy Gardens and the Crow Wing River. The WCCO crew also noted the beauty of the historic Batcher Building Opera House (built in 1907), and the contemporary Timberlake Hotel, both in Staples.

In seeing the segment filmed at the 2,000 acre farmland tour at Central Lakes College's Ag & Energy Center, viewers heard of the important work done there, with students learning the science of farming.

Vascellaro and Brown seemed genuinely interested in learning about Staples and Motley, as well as in connecting with the dozens of people they encountered during their journey to 'cabin country.'

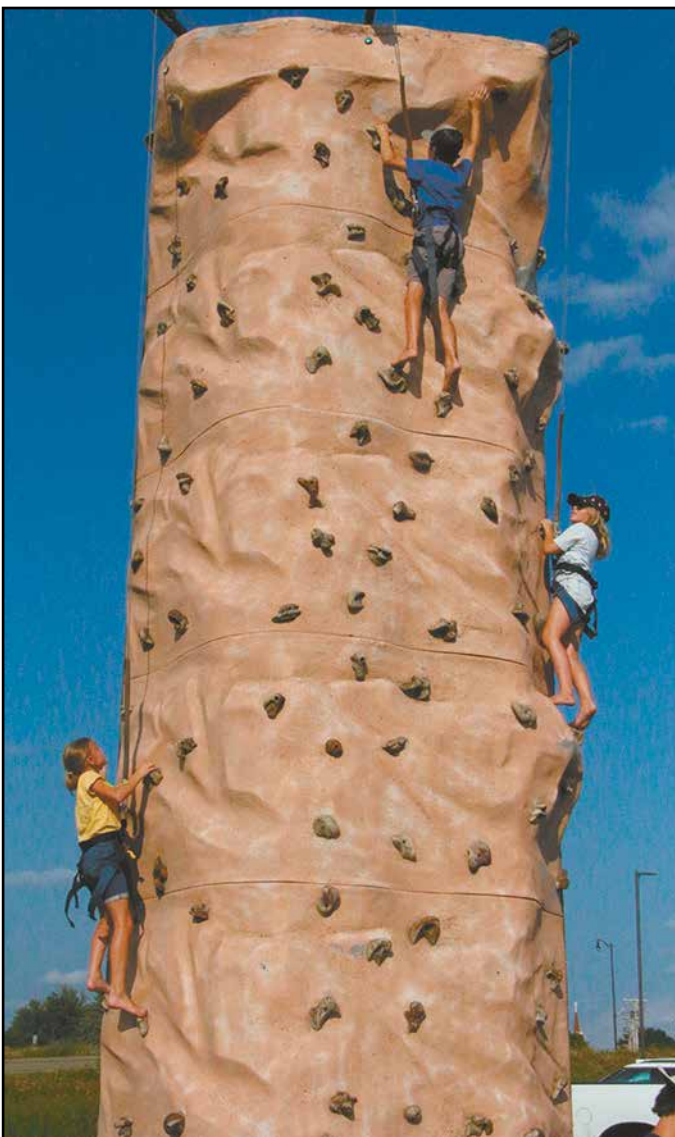
During their tour of the Batcher Building Opera House, Brown said she was struck by something owner Colleen Frost said to them. "If you want to travel through Minnesota you take 94. But, if you want to experience it, you take Hwy 10."

In watching the first-class episodes of 'Goin' to the Lake' that were filmed in the Staples/Motley area, most viewers would agree that cabin country, located two-plus hours northwest of the Twin Cities on Hwy 10, is definitely something worth experiencing. Even the natives, like this reporter, were reminded that this is not only a great place to visit, but it's a great place to call 'home.'



Food and recreation

The Essentia Health grand opening in Staples included a meal from BBQ Smokehouse and activities such as rock climbing and mini-golf. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Physical therapy room

A tour group checks out the large physical therapy room.

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More patient services coming

Services include orthopedic urgent care.

Not all of the clinic services will be open right away. The pharmacy is a couple months away from opening, and the infusion bays can't be opened until the pharmacy is in place.

The clinic is a multi-million dollar investment, with help from the Essentia

Health-St. Joseph's Foundation.

The clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Urgent care will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Patients can make appointments by calling (218) 894-7870 or by using MyChart.

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More patient services coming

Staples

Staples Mayor and three council members are up for election this season. The mayor position is held by Ron Murray. No candidate filings had been reported as of Aug. 5.

Staples-Motley School Board

There are three seats open for Staples-Motley School Board. The current board members in those seats are Jeremy Reeck, Lisa Anderson and Bryan Winkels. As of Aug. 5, three people have filed for those seats: Jeremy Reeck, Tonia Judd and Justin Thorne.

SCHOOL continued from page 1a

Fall coaches list approved by school board

Volleyball: Gretchen Bestland, Head Coach; assistants Erin Potter and Cy Bestland; junior high: Katrina Fligge and Mackenna Bjerga.

Cross country: Bruce Fuhrman, Head Coach; assistants Allison Vangness and Marly Simmons

Football: Drew Potter, Head Coach; assistants Paul Mithun, Cory Lawrence, Carl Larson, Zack Qual and Mark Carlson; junior high,

Jace Thompson, Steve Jennissen, Tony Schotzko, TJ Rutten and Holton Truax.

Tennis: Nikki Paskewitz, Head Coach; assistant Katie Noska.

In other news, the board

- Approved Ryan Koenigs as Local Education Authority for NCLB/Title I programs.

- Approved School Resource Officer agreement
- Approved PSEO contract

with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and Minnesota State Community & Technical Colleges.

- Approved activities handbook.
- Approved retirement of Cathi Dumphreys, paraprofessional.
- Approved hire of Emily Benson, first grade teacher.
- Approved resignation of Ben Bestland, assistant volleyball.



Grand opening speakers

Speakers at the Essentia Clinic grand opening ceremony were Dr. Christopher Metz, an orthopedic specialist who will be at the Staples Clinic, and Dr. Krista Skorupa. Other speakers included Dr. Daniel Johnson and Staples Mayor Ron Murray.

Communities Connect moving to CLC campus

Staples Motley Beyond Poverty is moving their Communities Connect event to Central Lakes College this year.

It will be Wednesday, Aug. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CLC, north of Staples.

This annual event will include many resources that are available to the public, including county services, health care providers, veterans services, senior citizen services, Legal Aid, mental health professionals and many more.

This free event also includes a free lunch, gifts, prizes and haircut vouchers.

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1. The medallion is located within Staples city limits and is on public property.
2. The medallion is NOT BURIED or inside a building.
3. No one can start searching for the medallion before the first clue is posted on Monday, August 12 at 9:00 a.m. Anyone searching for the medallion prior to the first posting will be disqualified.
4. Destruction of any property is not necessary and will not be allowed.
5. Anyone can participate in the hunt except: Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union employees, volunteers and their families.
6. The finder of the medallion wins \$500.
7. There will be a maximum of five clues. They will be posted daily by 9:00 a.m. on Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union's website at www.mmfcu.org, Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union Facebook page, OR can be picked up at Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union's Staples office. Clues will not be given over the phone.
8. The finder of the medallion must present the medallion to staff at Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union during business hours for verification of the medallion.
9. If the medallion is not turned in by Friday, August 16 at 5:00 p.m., Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union reserves the right to terminate the hunt and turn prize money over to charity.



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