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Family fun at June Fest

A number of fun kids' activities were held at Converse Park in Motley during the town's annual June Fest last Saturday. More photos will be included in next week's paper. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)



Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
June 23	92°	65°	P. Cloudy
June 24	85	57	P. Cloudy
June 25	82	57	M. Sunny
June 26	83	59	M. Sunny
June 27	84	58	M. Sunny
June 28	83	58	Sunny
June 29	88	60	Sunny

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
June 23	65°	57°	Cloudy
June 24	68	59	Cloudy
June 25	69	56	Cloudy
June 26	65	63	Rain
June 27	81	51	Sunny
June 28	72	56	Sunny
June 29	70	50	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 79° Low = 57°
Rain for week:
.80 - .90"

*Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher*



State ace

Beck Erholtz celebrates hitting a hole in one with Staples-Motley golf coach Brad Anderson, right, while Staples-Motley fans in the background, Rose Han and Georgia Kruchten, express their amazement at the feat. Erholtz finished second in the state tournament with his final putt coming close to tying for first place. See page 8a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



State title celebration

Emmet Anderson yells as he crosses the finish line in first place in the State Track Meet 3,200 meter run on June 17. Anderson's time of 9:17 set a new school record and is the fastest 3,200 meter race in the state. It is the third fastest time in Class A state meet history. See page 7a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Public Notices

Todd Planning: **9A**

Obituary

Ronald Miller



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Lakewood Health System pledges investments for a healthier community

Lakewood Health System, Staples, has announced a formal collaborative commitment with the Staples-Motley Independent School District on its upcoming activities and wellness facilities addition. Lakewood strongly believes this collaboration to enhance Phase One of the school's improvement plan will contribute to a healthier community for all and a pooling of resources will result in smart, collective and impactful investments.

The mission of Lakewood Health System is to provide quality, personalized health-care for a lifetime. This dedication goes far beyond hospital and clinic walls – it reaches the communities we serve through our vision to empower health and well-being together. The commitment from healthcare to improve the health and well-being of communities is stronger than ever. "We know 80 percent of a person's health is linked to factors that occur outside of our clinic walls," said Lakewood's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Christine Albrecht. "Lakewood Health System takes pride in providing exceptional patient care; this pledge continues to extend our exceptional care beyond our clinic walls."

A healthier population drives down

the total cost of healthcare and improves health outcomes. "Community facility investments are responsible investments, ensuring our patients have the opportunity to be healthy where they live, work, learn and play, said Lisa Bjerga, Lakewood's Chief Financial Officer. "As a tax-exempt hospital, we have an IRS requirement to financially invest in our communities via community benefit. Enhancing community facilities, within this collaborative partnership model, directly aligns with our community benefit responsibility and enhances wellbeing across our community."

Lakewood Health System and its Board of Directors are excited to pledge this commitment to the Staples-Motley Independent School District. "As anchor institutions, we have a shared responsibility to lead and collaborate on addressing education, health and community needs," said Lakewood's President and Chief Executive Officer, Tim Rice. "We look forward to working with the Staples-Motley Independent School District during this facility enhancement opportunity. Investments that improve educational outcomes, health and overall well-being are a win-win-win for us all."

Dreamers sought for history

Thanks to a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society, the Wadena County Historical Society is conducting a series of interviews to record, via video and audio, the oral histories of people who came to the area in the '60s, '70s and '80s as part of a national movement to leave urban

areas and settle in the rural countryside. Some were returning to their roots, others were city dwellers who wanted to try a different way of living. The completed oral histories will be available to researchers and students at the Wadena County Historical Society and also in the archives of

the Minnesota Historical Society. The oral histories would also be available for use in exhibits and new displays about this important era in our history.

The Wadena County Historical Society was first

See **DREAMERS** on page 12a



Like father, like son

Five-year-old Easton Dille had a great time hanging out with his dad, Nick Dille, at last Saturday's June Fest in Motley, the day before Father's Day. In fact, Easton ever had the opportunity to ride in one of the Motley firetrucks during the June Fest Parade that day, throwing candy while his dad, a member of the Motley Fire Department, drove the truck. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Thank you for subscribing!



‘A trek through Todd Cty’ included Motley



Over 30 people attended the recent ‘Trek through Todd County Tour’ which celebrated some projects in the area that were completed along the Long Prairie River. These projects were funded by the MPCA 319 grant funds, the Veterans’ Administration, Villard Township, and Todd Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). This was a car and foot tour that started at the Motley Public Cemetery (pictured), went on to the Spruce Road/Villard Township riverbank restoration and ended at Central Lakes College Food Pod in Staples with a tour of the orchards.

A local work group meeting followed, with discussion and input on the natural resources that need to be prioritized in Todd County by the SWCD and the Long Prairie Natural Resource Conservation Services. The ‘Trek through Todd County Tour’ is held in a different watershed each year, so it won’t be back to this area for five more years, said Deja Anton, SWCD District Manager.

Greg Frisk of Motley (lower photo, center), Secretary of the Motley Public Cemetery, helped spearhead a project to rescue the southwest portion of the cemetery which was in danger of being washed away by the Long Prairie River. Frisk was recently notified by the Todd County SWCD that the Motley Cemetery and partners working with the cemetery 2020 project were selected for the Todd County’s Land Stewardship Award in 2021. The official awards ceremony will take place this fall in Long Prairie. Frisk was also a presenter at the ‘Trek through Todd County Tour’ at the cemetery in Motley. (Submitted photos)

Pillager man arrested following drug investigation

Wade Borders, 58, of Pillager has been arrested and formal charges relating to drug sales and drug possession are pending. According to a report from Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch, on June 15, pursuant to an ongoing investigation into the sales and use of drugs, the Cass County Sheriff’s Office and the Crow Wing County LADID Task Force conducted a search warrant at a residence in Sylvan Township, rural Pillager. Total seized was 9.7 grams of methamphetamine, 324 grams of marijuana, three dosage units of a schedule II controlled substance, two dosage units of a schedule IV controlled substance, 15 dosage units of a legend drug, two grams of marijuana wax, 12 marijuana plants and ammunition. Borders was located and arrested at the residence. Sheriff Burch reports some information that led to this arrest was gathered from an anonymous Crime Stoppers of Minnesota tip. Tips can be submitted safely and anonymously through the website at [HYPERLINK “http://crimestoppersmn.org/”](http://crimestoppersmn.org/) <http://crimestoppersmn.org/> or by calling 1-800-222-8477.



Interesting river trivia

This poster, on a fence at the Motley Public Cemetery overlooking the Long Prairie River, was one of the ‘stops’ during the recent ‘Trek Through Todd County

Tour.’ The poster provided historical data and statistics on the Long Prairie River and the Motley Cemetery Project. (Submitted photo)

Motley approves changes at its EV charge station

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting June 14, the Motley City Council approved the ‘Consent Decree DC Charging Station Services Scope of Work’ between Motley and Minnesota Power. As part of the Scope of Work, Minnesota Power will provide the City of Motley with a maintenance and update service to the Direct Current Fast-Charger (DCFC) that was donated to the city. In addition, Minnesota Power will utilize a qualified third party vendor (ZEF Energy) that specializes in DCFC operations, repair and maintenance. The council also approved the two-year parts-only warranty available through ZEF Energy at a cost of \$1,250. Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director, noted that once this is in place, customers who use the EV (Electric Vehicle) charge station (owned by the city) will pay for the product with a credit card, just as you would gasoline. ZEF Energy will collect 10 percent of what the city makes. In other matters the council: •HEARD a summary of a closed meeting held regarding the performance review for Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director. Brotherton received 52.8 out of 56 points. Mayor Yoder noted that Brotherton’s work is determined to be highly satisfactory. “Congratulations,” the mayor said. •HEARD an update from Motley Fire Chief Brad Olson regarding the MFD’s meetings with townships. Olson said that he’s attended four of the seven meetings and that they’ve been well received. •LEARNED Chief Olson will be out for 10 weeks on medical leave. •APPROVED going with Yager’s Fire Protection as the company to conduct fire extinguisher inspections. Out of the three quotes received, Yager’s was the cheapest. •LEARNED that interviews had been conducted for a police officer and that a candidate has been selected. MPD Chief Jason Borash said that the candidate has

accepted the position and that they will now begin the background check process. Chief Borash said that it won’t be official until the candidate meets with the council, most likely at their regular meeting in August. •APPROVED putting a restitution payment of \$2,506.97 into the Police Capital Fund, also referred to as their truck fund. •HEARD praise for the city’s police department from council member Steve Johnson. After watching the news and hearing reports of crimes in other areas of the state, Johnson said he felt that Motley is being well taken care of. Mayor Yoder agreed, adding that they are short-handed in the Twin Cities, because so many in law enforcement have retired or quit in recent months. •APPROVED having Brotherton attend the MRWA Water & Wastewater Technical Conference Aug. 24 - 26, plus mileage, room and board. •HEARD concerns voiced from council member Amy Hutchison regarding people using Big Boyz in Motley as a dump station for their campers. She wondered if people were filling up their campers again and if this affected the city’s water usage. If so, should Big Boyz be required to pay for a portion of the water? •APPROVED a resolution to accept the coronavirus local fiscal recovery fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act. •APPROVED a request to have the National Night Out event held at Converse Park in Motley Saturday, Aug. 3. There will be no fee. •APPROVED donating \$550 toward the Motley Youth Swimming Lessons program. Lessons are held at the Staples Community Center. •SET a public hearing for Monday, July 12, at 6:15 p.m. to adopt updates to the Motley Code of Ordinances, and the Fee Schedule Ordinance. •SET next regular council meeting for Monday, July 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and Morrison County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) included the following: June 18 - The MPD responded to a report of a grass fire at the 200 block of Morrison St. E., Motley. Upon the MPD’s arrival, the owner had just finished getting the fire put out. It had been ignited by a campfire in a pit that was overflowing with brush. June 16 - The MPD stopped by a residence on the 400 block of 3rd Ave. S., Motley, as the owner had not yet mowed the lawn this year. June 15 - The MPD assisted the MCSO with a call they’d received regard-

ing a burglary in progress at the 26000 block of Front St., Cushing. June 15 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Sadiyo Hassan, 25. June 14 - The MPD received a call from Holiday in Motley reporting a gas drive-off in the amount of \$50. June 11 - The MPD received a report of a stolen bicycle from Country Terrace Apartments, Motley. The owner of the bike stated it is a medium-blue Schwinn men’s bike with narrow tires and curved handle bars. June 16 - The MCSO responded to a report of a wood pile on fire at the 30000 block of Azure Rd., Cushing. No buildings on fire at that time. Scandia Valley Fire was paged. June 14 - The MCSO responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle at the 3000 block or 270th St., Cushing. June 11 - The MCSO arrested Adam Mortenson, 27, for DANCO violaton. He was also cited for driving after revocation and no proof of insurance. June 11 - The MCSO received a call from the BNSF Police stating the railroad tracks were smoking at Holt Rd and Aster Rd in Cushing. Upon the deputy’s arrival at the scene, it appeared they were grinding the tracks and a piece of wood caught on fire. The fire was out when he arrived on the scene.

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The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission designated CenturyLink as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within its service area for universal service purposes. CenturyLink’s basic local service rates for residential voice lines are \$15.96-\$22.76 per month and business services are \$34.61-\$43.29 per month. Specific rates will be provided upon request.

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A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-201-4099 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



Thanks for reading the Staples World!

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• June 20, 1946 - Ernie's Food Market in Staples advertises Bing Cherries ("Famous Bings"), a 14 1/2 lb. lug for \$3.98; Three large cans of N.J.C. Milk for 27 cents; N.J.C. Peanut Butter, 1 lb. jar, for 35 cents; and Palmolive bath soap, three bars for 20 cents.

• June 20, 1946 - Starting last week, and continuing indefinitely, there will be no counter sales of The World until Friday morning. This is done to alleviate a discomfort caused to the advertisers by people rushing into the stores Thursday and asking for the weekend specials that are advertised in The World from week to week. Kindly do not ask for a paper on Thursday, hereafter.

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• June 20, 1946 - Dr. William Cleaves, of Minneapolis, will be in Staples next week and will be associated with Dr. W. J. Lund at the Staples Clinic, opening his practice there.

Dr. Cleaves is a graduate of the School of Medicine of the University of Minnesota, and after his graduation and internship was practicing at Grand Rapids, before going into military service.

Dr. and Mrs. Cleaves have one child, and will make their home at the home of Mrs. Jennie Allen temporarily.

This gives Staples four medical doctors, and will greatly alleviate the strain which has been placed upon all doctors during the past few years.

• June 20, 1946 - During the past week, several changes have been made in the personnel at the Staples Municipal hospital, due to the resignation of two of the nurses at the hospital.

Miss Irma Messer and and Miss Eleanore Dittus have both resigned from their positions, effective on June 15, and will take a lengthy vacation before resuming their work elsewhere.

Miss Isabell Holister, R.N. has taken the position as nurse in the surgical department at the hospital, and up to the present time no nurse has been obtained to take the place of Miss Dittus.

50 YEARS Ago - 1971

• June 24, 1971 - Marianne Hofmann, an 18-year-old Swiss girl will be arriving in Staples about the middle of July to make her home with the Ernest Webers and for a year of study at Staples high school.

Miss Hofmann was assigned to Staples by the International Christian Youth Exchange. She is sponsored locally by the Staples Foreign Exchange Club and the Staples Ministerial Association.

She is expected to arrive in the United States July 14 at Philadelphia. Mr. and



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our June 14, 1984 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from

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

Mrs. Weber and their daughter Ann, who will be a junior next year, and son, Jay, who will be a sixth grader, will meet her in Minneapolis July 18 and bring her to their home in Staples where she will remain for one year.

Marianne resides in Kuttigen, Switzerland, a town of about 4,000 population, located about 30 miles from Zurich. Her father is a policeman and her mother is a housewife.

• June 24, 1971 - June 25 will be the opening day of camp at Solid Rock Bible Camp on Lake Alexander, located 10 miles south of Pillager or 6 miles north of Randall.

Rev. and Mrs. Willie Watts of Pine River will be in charge aided by Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Doughman and daughter, Garnet, from Mokahum Indian Bible School of Cass Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Larson of Minneapolis.

The charge for camp remains the same as in former years, \$2.35, which includes registration, physical examination and insurance. Campers furnish their own bedding, towels, etc.

• June 24, 1971 - Lost: 1971 Class Ring at Dower Lake. Reward. Guy Doud. 894-2295.

• June 24, 1971 - Annual Chicken Dinner, Sunday, June 27, St. Isidore's Church, Moran. Adults, \$1.50; Children under 12, 75 cents. Fun and games for the entire family.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

• June 20, 1996 - Gwynne Gildow says the past year, her first as principal at Staples Elementary, was "A good year. I've learned a lot."

• June 20, 1996 - The

annual Fathers Day Golf Tournament was held Sunday at Terrace National Golf Course, with a full contingent of players.

The course was jammed full with 80 players, while the club had to turn down about 20 teams due to lack of room.

Overall the father and son team of Rick and Brad Anderson won the gross division and would have tied for net winners as well. Brad shot a nine under 63 for the 18-hole tournament.

• June 20, 1996 - Opening a new shop is very hectic. But Barb Markus of Motley is a very organized, and determined person.

Her new full service salon, Markus Hair Design, is scheduled to open June 24, in the old Motley City Hall building. Markus is the owner/stylist, with 17 years experience. Paula Swecker of Motley is a stylist, with 24 years experience in the business and Kris Miller, also a stylist, has two years experience.

• June 20, 1996 - Demo Derby at the Morrison County Fair, Motley Fairgrounds, Friday, June 21 and Sunday, June 23. Tickets: Adults - \$5; Children under 12 - \$3.

• June 20, 1996 - At least six tombstones in the Evergreen Hill Cemetery at Staples were found lying on the ground Tuesday morning. Staples police investigated and cemetery workers were working Tuesday to put them back in place.

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

• June 23, 2011 - In her 34 years of teaching at Staples Elementary School, Karen Holmberg kept learning.

"I am always looking for new ideas," she said, adding that through workshops and district leadership positions she was able to keep up with changes in the education world. "If you don't keep learning, I don't know how you can keep teaching," she said. Holmberg recently retired.

• June 23, 2011 - The Wadena County Historical Society commemorated the one year anniversary of the tornado that tore through the town on June 17, 2010, with an open house book launch party.

• June 23, 2011 - Lamp-lighter Community Theatre's production of "The Pirates of Penzance" opens tonight at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

• June 23, 2011 - The Cardinal Boys' golf team finished the season with a bang, tying for third at the 2011 State Golf Meet. Junior Michael Strain led the Staples Motley boys to their third place finish by shooting to a seventh place finish individually. Others on the state team included Zach Israelson, Nick Forsberg, Trent Hagenson, Tanner Roberts and Mitch Hagenson.

• June 23, 2011 - Emily Israelson, a Staples Motley freshman, represented the Cardinals well at the 2011 State Golf Tournament held June 15-16.

Israelson, the lone Cardinal at the girl's state tournament, played consistently through the meet, carding an 81 both days for a 162 two-day total.

Staples Police report

On May 24, Staples Police were requested to speak with a juvenile about going to school, as the mother could not get the child to go.

On May 24, Staples Police responded to Orv's Landing to assist Wadena County with a report of juveniles drinking.

On May 24, Staples Police were dispatched to a report of a juvenile on the roof at the elementary school. Officers arrived and made contact with some juveniles on the playground area, who stated that their kick ball had ended up on the roof and they had gone to retrieve their ball. All parties were advised on the incident.

On May 25, Staples Police received a report of a subject who stole emblems off a vehicle when it was parked at Lakewood Hospital. Police identified the subject and cited him for theft.

On May 25, Staples Police assisted Wadena County with a report of a domestic, and a suicide attempt. The subject was transported to Lakewood for an evaluation.

On May 26, Staples Police assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a vehicle rollover at the intersection of Hwy 210 and County Road 21. The juvenile male driver was not injured and the vehicle was a total loss.

On May 27, Staples Police assisted Todd and Wadena County Child Protection at the Staples Motley High School.

On May 28, Staples Police responded to an out of control person at the Lakewood emergency room. Police arrested Kyle Burchett, 33, for damage to property and disorderly conduct and he was taken to the Todd County Detention Center.

On May 28, Staples Police responded to the overpass on Airport Road for a report of a suicidal subject standing on the edge of the overpass. The subject was talked down from the edge and taken to Lakewood Health System. Police were assisted by Todd County Sheriff's Office and Staples Ambulance.

On May 29, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with an ATV accident on 470th Street.

On May 29, Staples Police responded to the 100 block of Roosevelt Avenue SW for the report of a bear. Police located the bear and advised the reporting party to leave it alone and it will go away.

On June 1, Staples Police received a report of a juvenile who was suicidal. Police met a parent who was bringing the juvenile into Lakewood emergency room.

On June 1, Staples Police were called to the high school track area for damage to property and

theft.

On June 1, Staples Police received a report from Lakewood Health System Hospital of a person with a dog bite in the emergency room. Police learned a juvenile was dog sitting and one of the dogs bit them. Police were informed the dog had current shot records and at that time no other action was needed by police.

On June 6, Staples Police received a report of a subject attempting to stop a vehicle and then slapping it while yelling at the driver near the 300 block of 2nd Ave NW. SPD located, spoke with the subject and he as advised. MAARC (Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center) report submitted.

On June 8, Staples Police received a report of juveniles jumping off the fishing pier at Dower Lake. Police were advised the subjects left the area in a silver car headed westbound.

On June 8, Staples Police conducted a traffic stop and arrested Ernest Brown, 81, for 3rd degree DWI.

On June 8, Staples Police received a report of as suspicious subject jumping out of a silver car and riding a scooter for a bit while taking pictures, then returning to the car to drive on and do it again. The complaint stated this happened on 8th St. NE, 9th St. NE and 12th St. NE. Police searched the area but were unable to locate the vehicle or subject.

On June 9, Staples Police destroyed CBD plant material for a group home in town.

On June 9, Staples Police responded to a residence on Wisconsin Ave. SE for a report of a juvenile out of control. After speaking with the juvenile, he calmed down and remained in the care of the mother.

On June 10, Staples Police received a report of an intoxicated subject driving his vehicle and that he was currently parked at Ernie's. The suspect left prior to police arriving and police learned that he is on probation and not to be consuming alcohol. Police later located Dustin Strobel, 37, at his residence, and he was arrested for the probation violation.

On June 11, Staples Police responded to the 800 block of 2nd Ave. NE for a report of an intoxicated subject who was suicidal, and trying to cut himself with glass. Police arrived and the subject was voluntarily transported by police for an evaluation.

On June 13, Staples Police were requested by Todd County Child Protection to stand by while an infant, who was on a 72 hour hold, was discharged from the hospital.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo of the Staples Softball League Champions, from 1973 or 1974, was submitted by Staples native Kevin Jenkins. Back row, from left: Rick Odden, Mike Carr, Greg Chapin, Bruce VanNorman, Curt Baier, Donny Peterson, Larry Mertens and Denny Smith. Front row, from left: Kevin

Jenkins, Ronnie Peterson, Bob Miller, Joe Hassler.

Roger Braith, 1973 Staples High School graduate now of Isle, wrote in to provide the following names: Bob Miller, Joe Hassler, Bruce VanNorman, Jenkins and Noska. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Drug arrest in Pillager

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Community effort goes into creating a state champion

A few stories about Emmet Anderson. When he was a toddler still in diapers, I bought a jogging stroller to try and get in shape while watching the kids. The first time I went out to run with Emmet, I got about half a block down the road before he started climbing out of the stroller. I had to stop running and tried to get him back in, but he insisted on getting out, then he walked around to the back and started pushing the stroller. He realized the fun part was the running, not the riding. I didn't get far with that stroller because he only wanted to push, and refused to get back in.

We moved to Staples when Emmet was in fourth grade. He found some good friends and they liked to ride bikes around town together. One day, Emmet's friends came over and we discovered his bike had a flat tire. I told him I would go to the store to get a patch, but it might take a while. "No problem," he said, "I'll just run with them." So off they went, Emmet running and the others pedaling. Even after I fixed the tire, he sometimes ran instead of biked when going around town.

Staples-Motley now has 64 individual state champions and I'm sure every one of their parents can tell stories like that about the extraordinary things their kids did while growing up. They also know the years of hard work the kids put in before they became the best in the state.

Every one of our champions shares something else that makes them champions, a community that supports them and gives them the opportunity to compete with the best.

Emmet started his cross country and track career on a team with state runners Stephen Plopper and Ryan Trout. Two years later he led the first of four straight teams that qualified for the state cross country meet. Each of those teams had state level runners to push each other in practice. In 2019 Emmet set the school record for a 5,000 meter race. That year he and Hunter Klimek were the fastest top two runners from a single team in Class A state meet history, just tenths of a second faster than the 1999 Staples-Motley duo of Jeff Brevier and Kurt Detloff. But Emmet still didn't have a state title.

Becoming a state champion depends a lot on your competition. This year, Beck Erholtz shot a round of golf that would have made him a state champion in some other years, but this year one player shot one stroke better.

When they were in seventh grade, I took Emmet out to watch Beck play in a golf meet. As we were walking back to the car, Emmet said "I knew Beck was good, but I didn't know he was *that* good." It was a lesson in excellence. Five years later, they were both competing neck and neck for state titles in their respective sports, just one day apart.

Anderson has been chasing a single opponent since eighth grade, Geno Uhrbom of Greenway-Nashwauk-Keewatin. At a graduation party this year, someone called him Emmet's "arch-nemesis," which is fairly accurate except they gained immense respect for each other through their rivalry and became friends. Uhrbom racked up two cross country state titles and two track titles before their senior year. Anderson finally beat him head to head their junior year, but finished behind him at the state meet. Those state losses pushed Anderson to improve until he got to the level of state champion, winning the cross country title and 3,200 meter track title in his senior year, ahead of Uhrbom each time.

Another advantage Anderson had is coaching. Bruce Fuhrman was his cross country and track coach all six years of varsity running. Fuhrman built his program on the foundation of hall of fame coaches Jerry Riewer and Gene Mattila. That kind of consistency is rare in high school sports and allows a program to rebuild year after year even as people graduate.

The Staples-Motley state champions also have support of other state champions. One year when Emmet was visiting a friend's cabin, he was supposed to run that weekend so Arden Beachy, a track champion, took him out to a gravel road to find a place to do his workout. Beachy's daughter Jaelin is a state champion and Arden has told us stories about his brother Collin, who won state titles and still has the school record in the 1,600 meter run, with Anderson now second in that event. We see Ryan Beachy, another state champion, at many track meets as he coaches for Perham. The Beachy clan was at the state meet three years ago to watch Max Giza win the pole vault title and watch Emmet run the 3,200. Emmet has talked to numerous state champions from here and has noted that he personally knows at least six state champions.

That type of high-caliber support can only be found in this community. It gives the Staples-Motley kids the confidence that they can compete with the best in the state. After this year's state meet, Emmet told us about a conversation he had with teammate Remington Converse as they were traveling to state. "Remy asked me 'who is the most dangerous man in your race?'" said Emmet. He took a few moments to try and formulate an answer, during which time Converse filled in the blank. "Or is it you?" he asked. "Yeah, it's me," said Emmet before going out to win the state title.

Very few schools in the state have this foundation of excellence to build on. Emmet Anderson's name is still on the wall of his former elementary school in Madelia, in southern Minnesota. They hold a track and field day for elementary school students and keep records of the top times, with Emmet still holding the 400 meter record. While that school has great athletes and sends people to state occasionally, it is an example of a smaller town that does not have the traditions to create champions frequently.

While any state championship is an amazing individual effort, the entire community can share in the success because it likely won't happen without the support of a special community.



By Mark Anderson
Editor

Letter to the Editor

Dear Community Members

The school board adopted the district Continuous Improvement Plan on February 18, 2020 and in doing so, made a commitment to support all learners and empower them to succeed in the classroom and beyond. As this plan is being implemented district-wide in staff training, curriculum development and more, the school board is also working through the implementation of the Continuous Improvement Plan in all we do.

As part of this effort, we made a commitment to improve our school facilities. At this time, our school buildings do not meet state standards for health, safety and educational adequacy. A building bond referendum was the best way to address all our facility needs, providing the best value to taxpayers. Unfortunately, the referendum failed this past spring.

Our commitment, however, has not failed. At the board work session on Monday, June 7, the school board considered the School Improvement Plan, Phase One. This plan would address some of our most pressing facilities needs, using the financing tools available to the board by state statute. While this plan is not a comprehensive plan like the referendum, it does enable the board to take the first step in honoring our commitment to improving school facilities for the benefit of our students, staff and families.

In addition to the funding tools from the state legislature, I am grateful for the partnership with Lakewood Health System, who announced a formal, collaborative commitment to the district's School Improvement Plan, Phase One, last week. By pooling resources, we can make a collective impact on the educational spaces for our students, and improve the health and well-being of our communities at large.

As the board considers the best way to move forward, we know this is only Phase One of our investment to improve our schools. While we can address more facilities issues than originally anticipated in Plan B, there are many educational adequacy issues that cannot be addressed through the school board's toolbox alone. It will be necessary to return to voters to fulfill our commitment to improving our school facilities.

The board will determine how to move forward with Phase One, including how to structure it's tax impact to district residents. In addressing our facilities needs, we also aim to stabilize the tax impact for residents - addressing district facilities needs in a long-term, sustainable way. With the referendum failing last spring, our toolbox is limited in this venture and we are hopeful district residents will be ready to partner with us for the improvement of our schools and the resulting benefit of our students, staff and communities soon.

Bryan Winkels,
Staples-Motley School Board Chair

Being part of something again

By Joy Bodin
Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs,
Central Lakes College

As we return to normal, I think we are all ready to feel that energy of being part of something again. Our staff and faculty feel it on campus, where students are craving that in-person interaction.

In fact, CLC is already open for campus tours, fall registration sessions, bookstore purchases and one-on-one meetings with student services personnel. While you're here, enjoy some frisbee golf or walk the CLC mile - inside or outside. If you have plans to be a new student this fall, mark Thursday, July 29 on your calendar for our All Set for Fall event. It's an opportunity for all new students to tie up any loose ends, get questions answered, tour the campus and meet staff, faculty and students, so that they're feeling, well, all set for fall semester.

CLC has always prided itself on offering small class sizes taught by engaging and knowledgeable faculty, so we are thrilled to again offer a complete menu of on-campus courses. However, we also understand that virtual courses provide increased accessibility for many students. Not to worry. Our enhanced virtual options will continue. And remember, it's ok to take one or two courses at a time. Part-time students graduate with diplomas, degrees and certificates, too!

We're offering several new programs this year, including Human Services AAS Degree, Music AFA Degree, Marine and Power-sports Diploma, Business Diploma, Business Transfer Pathway, History Transfer Pathway and Emergency Medical Response Technician Certificate.

An increasing number of non-traditional students come to CLC to retrain and enhance their workforce skills. Many of these programs are one year, but packed with the knowledge and skills workers need to stand out above other job

candidates and be successful.

Beyond the classroom, this fall our students will enjoy a wide range of on campus activities including, arts, music, culture and theatre events. Students will also have the opportunity to cheer on all of our Raiders athletics teams, as 2021-22 will see complete seasons of football, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball. We've also enhanced our outdoor recreation rentals for students, so if kayaking, biking or a few rounds of yard games is your thing, we've got you covered.

If you're concerned about affording college, our financial aid team can help you find a financial aid package that works for you. We also have scholarships available through the CLC Foundation and the application process is easy.

There's still time to apply for fall. Give us a call or drop an email. We are here to walk you through the process. Or, come on over and tour our campuses. You can sign up here: www.clcmn.edu/admissions/.

Check for ticks after spending time outdoors

From Todd County
Health and Human Services

In Minnesota, there are about a dozen different types of ticks. Not all of them spread disease. Three types that people may come across in Minnesota are the blacklegged tick (aka deer tick), the American dog tick (aka wood tick), and the lone star tick. The blacklegged tick causes by far the most tickborne disease in Minnesota. People in Minnesota are often bitten by American dog ticks but they rarely spread diseases. American dog ticks may spread Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia. Lone star ticks are rarely found in Minnesota, but can spread diseases such as ehrlichiosis and tularemia.

Check frequently for ticks – at least once a day.

- Ticks must remain attached for one to two days before they can transmit the Lyme disease bacteria.
- Bathe or shower after coming indoors to

wash off and more easily find ticks that may be crawling on or attached to you.

- Search your entire body closely, especially hard-to-see areas (e.g. behind knees, groin area, and arm pits).
- Ticks may look like a speck of dirt or freckle on skin so use a parent or a mirror to help you.
- If you find a tick on yourself, remove the tick as soon as possible.
- Use a pair of tweezers or your fingers to grasp the tick by the head, close to the skin.
- Pull the tick outward slowly, gently, and steadily
- Clean the area with soap and water.
- Avoid folk remedies like Vaseline®, nail polish remover or burning matches - they are not a safe or effective way to remove ticks.

Source: MN Dept of Health-<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tickborne/ticks.html>

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Back open to public, library ready for guests

By Cathy Perish, Library Services Coordinator
Staples Public Library

Come on back, we miss you. The Staples Public Library is back - stop in and see what we have to offer. We have internet stations and both copier and wifi printing. GRRL has a large collection of items to check out including WiFi Hotspots.

Children ages 0-18 can sign up for the Summer Reading Program June 7-Aug. 7 and read for cool prizes. There will be various in-library activities happening throughout the summer as well. Stop in during open hours for details, Monday 10-6, Tuesday 2-8, Wednesday 10-6, Thursday 2-8, Friday 1-5 and Saturday 10-1.

You can always go on our webpage at www.griver.org.

Staples-Motley school board

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their regular meeting Monday, June 28 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

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

The meet agenda includes School/Community Forum, Consent Agenda, resolution accepting grants and donations, finance items, curriculum, personnel and other, under facilities: to approve the resolution stating the intention of

the school board to proceed forward with the project and reports..

Upcoming meeting schedule and dates:

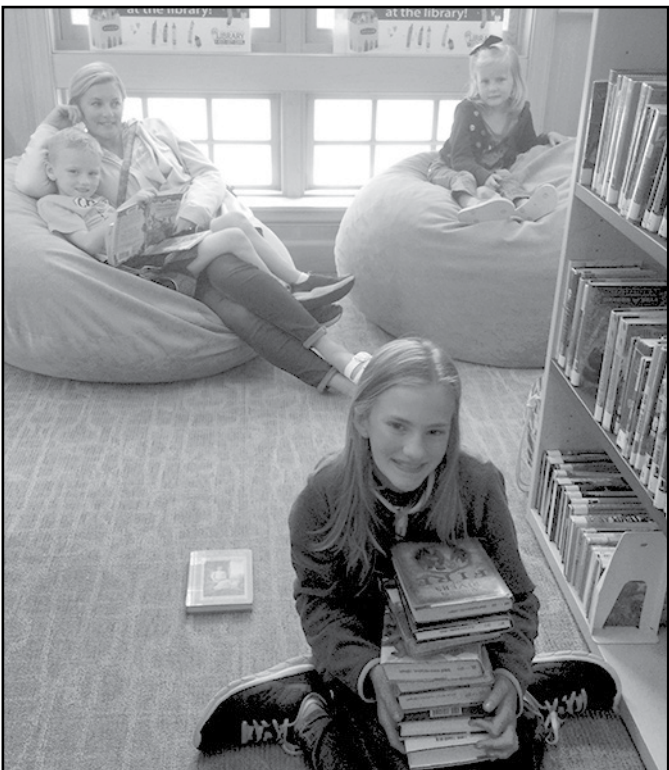
Mon., July 12: Board Work Session; 6:00 p.m.; District Office

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

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

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

Reminder: all Staples-Motley School offices will be closed on Fridays through August 14.



Back in the reading room

Pictured is Benjamin Underhill reading to his children and the Stephens family (above) enjoying some reading time and stocking up on books to take home.

Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry will take place on Tuesday, July 6, at 6 p.m., at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples.

According to information at their website, www.rubyspantry.org, "Ruby's Pantry is for anyone that is looking to extend their monthly grocery budget." For a set donation price, customers will receive an abundance of groceries. There is no income or residency requirement. Guests can attend as many loca-

tions each month that work for their schedule.

Hosted by the Staples United Methodist Church, Ruby's Pantry is offered at the Staples location the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

June 24

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

June 28

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SHS Class of 1980 reunion

The Staples High School Class of 1980 will hold their 41st reunion on Friday, Aug. 20 and Saturday, Aug. 21, in Staples during Railroad Days. These are new dates, due to Railroad Days being held a week earlier than past years.

The celebration begins Friday at Timbers Restaurant & Event Center. Social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a brief program at 7 p.m. Classmates are asked to, “Come dressed in your ‘80s outfits” that evening.

An informal gathering will take place on Saturday at Pine Grove Park Picnic Shelter, beginning at 6:30 p.m. “Bring your own beverage and a snack if you wish.”

To register online, go to www.SHS1980.classquest.com. For more information about the reunion, email 1980reunionshs@gmail.com, or call Lisa Essington DesMarais at 218-851-9220. Information is also available at Facebook: Staples High School 40th Class Reunion (Class of 1980).

Class members are encouraged to make lodging reservations early at Timberlake Hotel in Staples: 218-895-1300.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Theresa and Aaron Boyer of Staples, a baby boy, Carter Ray weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on June 11, 2021.

Born to Elizabeth Kelm and Michael Andert of Pil-lager, a baby girl, Memphis Jill weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on June 14, 2021.

Born to Kristine and Adam Felten of Brainerd,

a baby girl, Makenna Rose weighing seven pounds, six ounces on June 15, 2021.

Born to Kaitlin Warren and Brett Wolf of Eagle Bend, a baby boy, Jaxson John weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on June 17, 2021.

Born to Ashley and Andrew Hayes of East Gull Lake, a baby boy, Berk-ley Jerry weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on June 17, 2021.

Student Achievements

CADE BESTLAND, Staples, recently graduated cum laude from Concordia College, Moorhead, with a degree in Music Education.

ALEXIS KAKAYGEESICK JOHNSON, Staples, recently graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, with a degree in Busi-ness.

SAMANTHA SVENDSEN, Staples, recently graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, with a degree in Environ-mental and Sustainability Studies, Natural Sciences.

Obituary

Ronald Miller

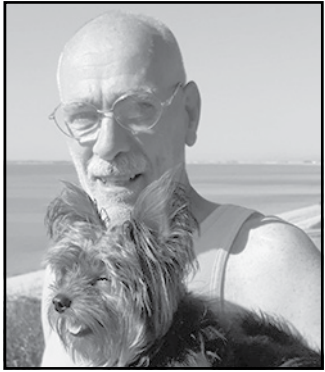
Ronald LeRoy Miller of Gardner, Massachusetts, passed away April 28, 2021, at his home after a cou-rageous battle with lung cancer.

A private family memo-rial service is planned for a later date.

Ron was born to Carroll and Donna (Smith) Miller at the Thiel Hospital in Bertha on July 4, 1957.

Ron enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and his family. He loved to travel and spend time at the cabin in Maine. When he was with family, he could often be found playing cards and sharing a laugh - a staple of his personality.

Left to cherish his memory are his chil-dren and grandchildren, daughter, Emily (Landon) Brainerd, Autumn, Owen and Abby Brainerd and son, Tyler (Angie) Miller, Maizy and Maxwell Miller;



father, Carroll Miller; eight siblings, Sherry (Greg) Frisk, Susan (Tim) Duncan, Robert (Diana) Miller, Elaine Case, Curt (Sue Tepley) Miller, Duane (Laurie) Miller, Nancy (Craig) Johnson and Brian “Shag” Miller; special friend, Ignacio Benavides; his furry pal, Levi and many, many nieces, neph-ews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Donna Miller.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples
Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Associate Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.
Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
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:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.
First Congregational Church, UCC
firststrongourstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service
Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday.....5:00 p.m..
Sunday.....8:30 a.m..
Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 am.
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.
Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.
United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.
Aldrich
Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday
of each month
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1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.
Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....7:30 p.m.
Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
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
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m..
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday.....7:00 p.m..
Sunday.....10:30 a.m..
United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Hewitt
Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoeffert
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Verndale
Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
.....11-11:45 a.m.
Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Hwy. Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups.....6:30-8 p.m.
Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
Leaf River Township
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Student Achievements

MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE, has announced it's 2021 Spring Semester Academic Honors List. Students on the Pres-ident's List earned a grade point average of 4.0 and students on the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.50 - 3.99. In addition, students needed to complete a minimum of six college-level credits to qual-ify. Local students named include:

- Nathaniel Sanz, Motley, Dean's List
- Tanner Kruchten, Pil-lager, Dean's List
- Jill Quick, Pillager, Dean's List
- Jamie VanVickle, Pil-lager, President's List
- Braeden Wangsness, Pillager, Dean's List
- Alisha Amerud, Sta-ples, President's List
- Annie Capistrant, Sta-ples, President's List
- Rachel Connell, Sta-ples, Dean's List
- Dennis Vasquez, Sta-ples, Dean's List.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON, has announced it's 2021 Spring Semester Chancellor's List. To qual-ify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 4.00 grade point average. Locals students named include:

- Kelsie Hanson, Pillager
- Ben Olander, Staples

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON, has announced it's 2021 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, stu-dents must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average. Locals stu-dents named include:

- Melissa Hammer, Aldrich
- Tasha Achermann, Motley

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVER-SITY-FARGO, has announced it's 2021 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits. Locals students named include:

- Josie Erickson, Motley
- Alix Peterson, Motley
- Matthew Cherne, Pil-lager
- Lauren Hughes, Pil-lager
- Charles Bakken, Sta-ples
- Kyle Ekholm, Staples
- Chelsea Nanik, Staples
- Jessica Paklonsky, Sta-ples

THE COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTIC, DULUTH, has announced it's 2021 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a 3.75 grade point average or above. Locals students named include:

- Kristen Nemitz, Motley
- Hannah Guderian, Pil-lager

LEVI NAGEL, Pillager, recently graduated from the University of Minne-sota, Crookston, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance.

GRACE VANALST, Vern-dale, recently graduated cum laude from Concordia College, Moorhead, with a degree in Music Education.

ANNA WILLGOHS, Staples, has been named to the 2021 Spring Semester Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, recog-nized for her outstanding academic performance.

GRACE NAGEL, Pillager, has been named to the 2021 Spring Semester Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. To qualify, students must be enrolled full-time and earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVER-SITY has announced its 2021 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Local students named include:

- Krystal Yoder, Motley
- Jamie Smith, Pillager
- Morgan Leslie, Staples

ALEXA KIHLE, Staples, has been named to the 2021 Spring Semester Dean's List at Ridgewater Col-lege, Willmar. To qualify, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 credits.

ALEXANDER ROSENTHAL, Sta-ples, has been named to the 2021 Spring Semester President's Honor List at North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, N.D. To qualify, students must achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average while taking at least 13 credits.

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD has announced its 2021 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, stu-dents must have a grade point average of 3.25 or higher and carry 12 graded credits. Local students named include:

- Rebekah Arms, St. Paul
- Elizabeth Danilyuk, Motley
- Shania Glenz, Staples
- Matthew Hughes, Pil-lager
- Emily Kautz, Pillager
- Benjamin Oie, Pillager
- Rebecca Swartz, Motley
- Luke Woidyla, Pillager

“It’s Time to say “Thank You” Again”

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Gratitude is quite a thread throughout the Bible. I just counted 22 verses in one concordance in the book of Psalms alone that are expressions of grati-tude and thanksgiving to God for His goodness and generosity.

It's powerful to see Jesus Himself giving thanks to the Father in Luke 22:17-1 for the bread and the fruit of the grape vine in the midst of instituting the Lord's Supper (communion, Eucharist).

In the apostle Paul's letters, you see his regular spirit of thankfulness to both God and the people in the churches that he is working with. The book of Revelation, through the apostle John, continues this gratitude spirit.

It is no small matter that, for some ongoing rea-son, God continues to give my wife and me the privilege of living in the Staples-Motley area since 1999. It has been our home, our church family, our pastoral ministry and our community for 22 years this summer. Why? I may not fully know until Jesus' soon return, but please know how grateful we are to everyone who reads this and more for being able to be along side of you in living the lives that God has entrusted to us.

Indeed, “thank you.”

Knocking on 65 this fall, the accompanying con-versations with this chapter in life are there, but we look forward to every day, week, month and years that we have left to serve God, His people and our community in any way we can. I think of the partnerships in ministerial and community gather-ings/ events that we have shared over the years. It's really is quite overwhelming in how much we have to be grateful for. Together, we have gone through a change into a new millennium, the trag-edy of 9/11, recessions, difficult elections, changes in our communities, the making of new Highway 10 and the overpass, many medical connections with Lakewood Health System including their new and expanding facilities, the important place of our schools with their education and extra curricular events, the services of our businesses and the list just goes on and on.

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Anderson wins 3,200 in school record time

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Emmet Anderson set the pace and kicked faster than his rivals to win the Class A 3,200 meter race at the State Track and Field Championships on June 17. His time of 9:17.11 is a new Staples-Motley school record, ahead of the 9:27 run by Derek Matilla and another 9:27 run by Jeff Brever.

The next day, Anderson finished 6th in the 1,600 meter run in 4:23, second on the school's all time list behind Collin Beachy's 4:19.

Remington Converse ran in the state 100 meter dash and finished 15th in 11.51. Converse came close to his fastest time of the season, which was 11.46.

Anderson's championship run was the third fastest 3,200 meter race in Class A state meet history. It was the fastest 3,200 race in the entire state this year, beating the Class AA winning time.

His title came after winning the state cross country title last fall and continuing to improve despite facing little competition due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"It's been my life's work," said Anderson.

The race started with Anderson settling into the pack in 10th place on the first lap. "I knew the younger runners would want to start fast, with all the adrenaline it is hard to judge your pace. I just wanted to hit my pace each lap," he said.

When the second lap was four seconds slower, Anderson knew it was time to move, as he and Coach Bruce Fuhrman had settled on a plan to run every lap around 70 seconds. "Bruce and I planned for at least six different scenarios. He definitely thought I was capable of taking the lead and winning," said Anderson.

So he made a gutsy move and swiftly ran to the front on the third lap. "They were all waiting for me to set the pace," he said. "That's stressful, it's easier to follow, but I knew I had to do it because it drained out a lot of the athletes."

For two laps he stayed on pace and crossed the first mile in 4:42. At that point only two other runners were able to keep up, Geno Uhrbom of Greenway-Nashwauk-Keewatin and Alden Keller of Breck.

"They kept their presence pretty solidly," said Anderson. "I contributed a couple of micro-surges, but I never felt like I was pulling away."

Anderson also had Matilla's school record in mind. "I had to keep pace on those last four laps, I had to refocus." Every lap he looked at the big stadium scoreboard and calculated his pace, making sure to hit his times.

By the seventh lap of the eight lap race, the two trailing runners changed places as they strained to keep up.

Just before the last lap, Uhrbom surged hard and took the lead. "That was stressful, it hurt to see that he was able pick it up at that time. But I remember telling



Setting the pace

Emmet Anderson glances up at the scoreboard clock to check his split time, as he is trailed by Geno Uhrbom and Alden Keller. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

myself before the race that there is going to be a point in the race when you feel you're not going to win it. It will feel like they have more energy than you. Thinking about that pre-race made it less demotivating. I thought 'that's just how racing is.'"

So Anderson kept close contact. "I wanted to make sure there was no gap going into the last 200 meters," he said. "I felt alright if I could sprint it out with Geno, I wouldn't even be upset if he would win."

But things changed again when Keller started sprinting with 250 meters left and took the lead. Anderson said he had placed third in state before and didn't want to get that same medal. "I wasn't going to be all right losing to him and getting third," he said.

In the last 170 meters, Anderson started his final kick. "That's how we train as a distance runner, go hard in the last 200 and don't wait for the final 100," he said.

He passed Keller and began pulling away. With 100 meters left, he had a lead of a few meters but felt he had to keep sprinting. "To find that reserve, you have to totally forfeit yourself to that race and commit all your energy way past any point of comfort, it's a mind over matter thing," said Anderson.

Seeing open track in front of him with a lead was also something Anderson had envisioned before the race, but the feeling wasn't

what he imagined. "The last 20 meters wasn't as gratifying as I thought it would be, but crossing the finish line was awesome, that was the best feeling I have had."

The second mile was run in 4:35 and his last lap was an astonishing 62 seconds.

Anderson said he owes a lot of the credit to Fuhrman. "The science of running is not down, coaches have to gamble and find the right workouts. In the week before the race, it feels very fragile, you have to get it exactly right," said Anderson. "But we spent six years experimenting on how my body reacts to different trainings. Bruce lived my story, he was there for the hard part, the practices and the grinding."

Anderson sees his career as many years of improvement, and measured it against Uhrbom as one of the epic multi-year battles in state sports history. Uhrbom won a state title as a sophomore but always had Anderson right behind. In their junior year, Anderson beat him head to head in three meets but lost at state.

"It's such a great racing story, I was constantly climbing, going back and forth with Geno," said Anderson. "We had conflict, controversy, I had some missed opportunities but never took that big of a downfall. This win brought a lot of clarity, it was a good conclusion. It made me feel like my cross country win meant more, it was legit."



Pushing late in the race

Kyanna Burton leads a pair of runners on one of the late laps at the State Track and Field Meet. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Burton wins state medal

Kyanna Burton placed eighth in the Class A 3,200 meter race at the State Track and Field Championships on June 17, earning a spot on the awards podium with a time of 11:38.

Tabetha Allen competed in the shot put at state, finishing in 16th with a throw of 31 feet, 1.75 inches. Allen had three throws in that range but did not come close

to her previous week's personal best of 32'5.5".

In the 3,200, a pack of 10 runners stayed together for the first four laps, with Burton right in the mix. A breakout group of six runners took off and the others strung out behind. Burton battled back and forth with three of the runners in the trail pack before pushing in front of two, including

a rival who had beaten her the last two weeks. She had a strong last lap of 1:24 to keep her position and secure the eighth spot.

Burton's time of 11:38 fell short of her personal best 11:22 set earlier this season, but was an improvement after she had struggled in two straight races that were run in extreme heat.



State level effort

Tabetha Allen sends the shot put into the air in front of a big crowd at the State Track and Field meet. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Speed session

Remington Converse, third from left, sprints down the stretch with some of the fastest runners in Minnesota the 100 meter dash in the State Track and Field

meet at St. Michael-Albertville. Right, Converse leans as he crosses the line. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Scoring a one

Beck Erholtz tees off on hole 15 at Sand Creek in Jordan, sending the ball into the hole for a hole in one. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Erholtz’ epic round ends just short of title

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Beck Erholtz came one inch from a state title when his 25 foot putt stopped just short on his final hole as a Staples-Motley golfer. For Erholtz, making a run at the state title came after a season where he felt his game had been a little off. “My scoring ability has always been a strong suit,” said Erholtz, but his chipping and putting was not as consistent as in the past.

At the state meet, Erholtz started with two over par on the first nine holes. “I knew I had to step it up if I wanted to compete for first place,” he said.

He came back strong with four birdies on the back nine, to finish at one under on day one. That put him in second place, two strokes behind Sam Baker of Cloquet. “I was confident where I was that I could chase the leader from there,” he said.

Day two started out as shaky as day one. “The first couple of holes I was all over the place,” said Erholtz, “on a par five I was on the green in two but three putt.”

After a couple of early bogeys, Erholtz said “I wasn’t feeling it, I hadn’t made a terrific swing yet.”

Everything changed on a short par three, number 15 on the course since the team started on the back nine for this round. Although it is a short hole, it is not easy with a narrow landing strip and sand in front and behind the pin. Erholtz took an easy swing to send the ball right at the hole.

“It was up in the air, and I heard coach Brad Anderson say ‘go in’. It was floating towards the hole, made one hop and then did a little dance with the pin before it dropped.”

A large crowd witnessed that hole in one because the group ahead was teeing off near the green. When the ball dropped in, the huge roar from the crowd could be heard all over the golf course.

With one swing, Erholtz

had his first ever hole in one and was back in contention for the state title.

“It was a reset, I was back to even and I had a chance again,” he said.

But the adrenaline from the hole in one may have contributed to his next drive pulling left into the sand. He got out to save par but then missed a par putt and birdie putt on the next two holes.

To start his final nine, Erholtz sank a 20 foot putt for a birdie on hole two and gave a little fist pump to show the importance of that shot. He then faced a series of three to six foot par putts on the next four holes, all of which went in.

“Those are not always my favorite putts,” said Erholtz. “I had been putting cross-handed on the first nine, but I switched to a traditional grip and it started to feel better.”

On hole seven, a par five, Erholtz hit a nice tee shot but still faced 224 yards to the pin, uphill and into the wind.

“I decided to hit a five iron stinger into the green,” said Erholtz. “Brad and I had picked that shot out and used it before.” The low rising shot perfectly avoided a deep bunker in front of the green and settled 20 feet from the pin. The crowd gasped at the amazing shot and then gave it a round of applause. The ensuing putt rolled confidently at the hole and dropped for Erholtz’ second eagle of the day and moved him into a tie for first place.

For the second time in the round, Erholtz punctuated the shot with a fist pump. One player who has played many rounds against Erholtz noted how charged up he was. “Tyler Seeling (of Pequot Lakes) said that was the first time he has ever seen me show emotion on the golf course,” Erholtz said.

But just as emotion can help a golfer hit amazing shots, once in a while it can be too much. On the next hole, a 400 yard par four, Erholtz crushed his drive downhill and with the wind

into a pond next to the green. The ball had travelled more than 350 yards into a hazard that most players wouldn’t have to worry about on their first shot. “It was reachable downwind, I just hit it too well and too far left,” he said. Taking a penalty stroke, Erholtz chipped up and made a bogey, setting up the drama that played out on the last hole.

With live scoring available by cell phone, Erholtz saw that Baker had birdied his last hole so he needed to do the same to tie for first place. Hole nine is a par four that has a tricky tee shot towards a winding stream and multiple sand traps. Most players hit an iron to lay up and avoid the hazards, but Erholtz said his decision was easy.

“I pulled the head cover off the driver, I had hit it the day before and in the practice round. I needed to get that advantage,” he said. He crushed a perfect drive that cleared all the bunkers and landed in the middle of the fairway.

His wedge shot onto the green fell 25 feet from the pin. “The wedge was not my best, but I don’t think that’s what lost it for me,” he said.

A huge crowd had gathered around the green to watch his putt, which went straight at the hole. “With five feet to go, I thought I had it,” said Erholtz. The ball needed just one more roll to go in but stopped an inch short of the hole. After he tapped it in, Erholtz got a standing ovation for his epic run that fell just short of a state title.

“I gave it a good run, but it kind of leaves a sour taste,” Erholtz said. “It is what it is, I have plans for next year and I’ll just keep going forward.” He has signed to play golf for North Dakota State University.

“I was pretty proud to hang in there mentally, to keep going when my swing wasn’t all there and I had to work for every every shot I had to hit,” said Erholtz. “It was a good way to end my career.”



Hitting from above

Adriana Dickey tees off from the top of a hill during the state golf tournament at Sand Creek in Jordan. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Dickey places high on state golf leaderboard

Adriana Dickey started out strong with seven pars in her first nine holes and had a round of 40. She slipped a little to start the second nine but came back strong and finished with 45. Her day one total of 85 put

her in 15th place. Despite a birdie on the second hole on day two, Dickey did not play as well and finished at 91. Her overall score of 176 was good for 23rd place in the state.

Ava Schneider also

played better in the first round, shooting 95 to start out in 46th place. She had four pars, including three in a row. A round of 105 on day two put her in 65th place overall.



Golfing on the big stage

Ava Schneider goes with the wind as she tees off at the state golf tournament, playing the 10th hole at Sand Creek in Jordan. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

No putter needed

Below, Beck Erholtz walks to retrieve his ball from the hole after his hole in one, while the crowd gives him an ovation. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)





STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 77-PR-21-522

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT

In Re: Estate of
Rodney D. Mertens,
Decedent.

Gloria K. Perfetti ("Petitioner") has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent.

It is Ordered that on July 26, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 221 First Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, on the petition.

The petition represents that the Decedent died testate more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court probate the decedent's last Will dated March 12, 2004, determine the descent of such property, and assign the property to the persons entitled.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

Dated: June 2, 2021

BY THE COURT

Daniel A. Benson
Judge of District Court

Rhonda Bot,
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by deputy Mary Van Koerr

Court File No. 77-PR-21-52

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 77-PR-21-529

Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Without a Will)

In Re: Estate of
Lilly Marlene
Rychner,
Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Probate Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the

following:

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56438

as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative, or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Date: June 4, 2021

Probate Registrar

Rhonda Bot
Court Administrator

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners meeting room, Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.

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

Questions? Phone 320-732-4420 or Email toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

Agenda

- Call to Order.
- Introduction of Planning Commission Members.
- Approval of the June 3, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. **Tim and Karen Melby:** Section 17, Burnhamville Township. Site Address: 30735 County 13, Burtrum. PID: 06-0023702

1) Request for Conditional Use Permit for 4 site Campground (Commercial Planned Unit Development) in Shoreland-RD zoning

(Long Lake

2. **Randy Jonas:** Section 17, Kandota Township. Site Address: 12579 County 11, Sauk Centre. PID: 14-0017202

1) Request for Conditional Use Permit for Dog Boarding business in existing structure in Shoreland-NE zoning (Long Lake)

3. **Daniel Hershberger:** Section 15, Bartlett Township. Site Address: 48055 County 11, Aldrich. PID: 01-0016100

1) Request for Conditional Use Permit for Retail Greenhouse in AF-2 zoning.

4. **Maple Views Plat-Jason Bergmann:** Section 18, Little Sauk Township. Site Address: 17684 Echo Dr, Long Prairie. PID: 17-0016800

1) Request to Plat just over 40 acres in Shoreland-RD Zoning (Maple Lake) into 3 buildable lots

Adjournment –
Next meeting:
August 5, 2021

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters. If unable to attend, all correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.

Todd County Planning
Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

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PUBLIC NOTICE COUNTY DITCH 41 - LAKE SHAMINEAU LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (LSLID) OUTLET PETITION - HEARING NOTIFICATION

A Public Hearing will be held Tuesday June 29, 2021 at 7 p.m. It will be held at the Todd County Expo Building located at the Todd County Fairgrounds, 203 9th St NE, Long Prairie, MN 56347. This Public Hearing is regarding a Petition that has been submitted by the LSLID requesting to use County Ditch 41 as an outlet for their High-Water Outlet Project. All interested landowners are welcome and encouraged to attend this Informational Meeting. Commissioners Becker, Erickson, Neumann, Kneisl, Kircher, Attorney Kurt Deter and CDI Nancy Uhlenkamp will be in attendance for Todd County. The LSLID representatives, Attorney, and Engineer will be in attendance for the LSLID. Landowners can join the meeting in the following ways.

1 - In person at the Todd County Expo Building, 203 9th St NE, Long Prairie, MN 56347.
2 - By phone/call-in.

3 - By Zoom (internet meeting). If you would like to join the meeting via Zoom you will need a computer, internet, microphone, and speakers. If you do not have a microphone built into your computer, you can call in as well to be able to hear and talk. **If you would like to join via Zoom and/or phone/call-in, please contact Nancy Uhlenkamp CDI by phone 320-533-4651 or email nancy.uhlenkamp@co.todd.mn.us, by June 23, 2021 for information needed.**

To see the entire Outlet petition packet, please type the link below into your browser and scroll down to page 31. <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/20210316P.pdf>

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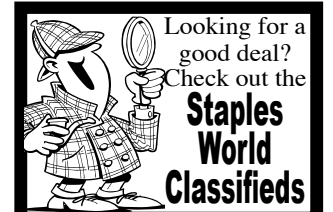
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Cardinals play well at state golf

The Staples-Motley golf team placed seventh at Class AA state June 15-16, getting off to a great start with one of their lowest scores of the season on day one, shooting 314 on the tough state course at Sand Creek in Jordan. The team fell back a little on day two with 329, but still showed they belong with the top teams in the state.

Beck Erholtz finished second in the state at two under par, shooting 71 each day. In 36 holes, he had six birdies, one eagle and a hole in one for another eagle.

Peyton Mithun played his best golf of the year in both rounds at state, shooting 81 and 82, with one birdie each day and nine pars each day. He finished 50th overall.

Carter White also stepped up by shooting 80 in the first round, but fell a little with an 86 on day two, dropping to 61st place in the state. He had 10 pars on his first 18 holes but only six on day two.

Grant Bestland also had a killer first round with nine pars to shoot 82 but had a tougher time with a 92 on the second round. He ended up in 76th place.

Adam Oberlander played well at times and ended with 90 and 91, including two birdies on day two to place 83rd.

Isaiah Schultz was also consistent, shooting 93 and 90 and finishing in 84th place.



Par out of the sand

Peyton Mithun chips out of a sand trap during the state golf tournament. Mithun's shot landed five feet from the

hole and he made the putt to save par. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Class AA State Golf Tournament

Team scores
Cloquet 598, Totino-Grace 616, Delano 618, Blue Earth 621, Pine Island/Zumbrota-Mazeppa 627, Roseau 636, Staples-Motley 643, New London-Spicer 650



Grant Bestland



Adam Oberlander



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Carter White sinks a birdie putt.

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Katie Paine-Santos is 2021 Lakewood Health System’s Team Member of the Year

Katie Paine-Santos, RN, Care Center Assistant Director of Nursing and Infection Preventionist, has been named the 2021 Team Member of the Year at Lakewood Health System, Staples. The Team Member of the Year is chosen based on votes from Lakewood’s administrative team and the Lakewood Board. All nominees have received a STAR award during the voting year.



Katie Paine-Santos

Paine-Santos was nominated for her work as the infection preventionist during the COVID-19 pandemic over the past year. That included staff education and communication on new and ever-changing practices and procedures, talking with residents and

their families about questions and concerns, taking calls from staff any and all hours of the day and week, spearheading a group to help staff relate to Lakewood’s values and more.

“Healthcare has been

such a challenging place to work in the last year for everyone,” said Paine-Santos. “Never in my career did I think I would be an infection preventionist during a pandemic. I’m so thankful for our amazing team and organization that worked so well together, taking on all the constant changes and challenges together.”

Paine-Santos has worked at Lakewood since 2004, taking on many different nursing roles during her time. Beginning in July, she will be taking on a new role, short-term specialty unit coordinator, also at the care center. In this role, she will help establish a new short-term specialty unit at the care center.



Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation walk

The fourth annual Brady’s Border2Border Ruck March passed through Staples, stopping briefly at Veterans Park on May 27. The 180-mile ruck march was completed by four (4) individuals, who each walked a 45-mile segment while carrying a 44 pound pack (ruck). The walk symbolizes the 20 veterans that take their own life every day and

was started to help raise awareness and donations for the mental well-being of our country’s Veterans. The Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation sponsors the events in honor of Oberg, a veteran of Afghanistan who came back and committed suicide. The walk started at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls and followed Highway 10 to Lake Park. A short ceremony took place at the Bethlehem Meorial Cemetery near Ulen, Brady’s final resting spot. For more information about Brady’s Border2Border Ruck March, <https://www.facebook.com/bradyoberg.ruckmarch.7> (Photos by Ken Klose)



Staples-Motley High School honor roll

Staples-Motley High School recently announced the Semester II honor roll students.

A Honor Roll

Grade 12: Emmet Anderson, Beatrice Bonazza, Tanner Clark, Abigail DiGiovanni, Rose Han, Charlize Martin, Torri Nienow, Ava Schneider, Logan Weite, Cole Winkels

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Andria Dolezal, Bo Erholtz, Evelyn Gonzales, Abby Jares, Sivert Klefsaas, Serena Petralia, Cassidy Radueg, Conner Rossetti, Joshua Schimpp

Grade 10: Luke Bates,

Briana Bendson, Keegan Bestland, Topanga Braith, Amanda Carter, Nicole Carter, Emilya Case, Rafael Caudillo, Riley Dabbs, William Dolezal, Camry Ferris, Isabelle Halvorson, Corrine Japke, Caitlin Jasmer, Grace Jennissen, Cy Johnson, Jayce Kobliska, Georgia Kruchten, Hailey Larson, Landon Mertens, Thien Nguyen, Allison Olander, Ashley Robben, Aften Robinson, Isaiah Schultz, Trinity Seamann

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B Honor Roll

Grade 12: Alex Brings, Preston Butler, Dylan Cameron, Evan Dechaine, Hannah DeWald, Conner Dobson, Jenna Dvorak, Brooke Ferdon, Devon Losh, Oliver Lund, Jordan Lundquist, Connor Macheel, Tate Maciej, Katherine Michel, Alexander Morlock, Elizabeth Noble, Libby O’Neil, Logan Paklonsky, Jessica Schimpp

Grade 11: Morgan Becker, Drew Berg, Leah Bestland, Chandler Braith, Brooke Converse, Abby Dukowitz, Elizabeth Dukowitz, Dominic Gomez, Kieran

Groetsch, Brent Hansen, Corey Hansen, Liam Harvey, Addison Lorber, Joshua Mathison, Grace McLenan, Samuel Opheim, Jaden Stangle, Calob Trantina, Joe Tyrrell, Tristan Zetah

Grade 10: Lily Albertson, Grace Allen, Veronica Barnes, Grace Bendson, Lucas Brownell, Wyatt Campbell, Carlie Collison, Megan Franzén, Keegan Harvey, Brandon Hove, Haley Hruza, Sarina Huepenbecker, Caleb Jasmer, Blake Knudson, Seth Larson, Nathaniel Ritter, Madden Roberts, Maddison Stiner, Meghan VanAlst

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Staples-Motley Middle School honor roll

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A Honor Roll

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Grade 7: Mason Albertson, Summer Anderson, Brynn Bestland, Ava Birkholtz, Abby Brichacek, Audrey Brownell, Owen Carlson, Isabelle Dobson, Elijah Greenwaldt, Avery Japke, Jorja Kobliska, Isabella Larson, Skye Larson, Pamela Lawrence, Raina Mikhaeil, Cecily Moe, Riley Reese, Elijah Rutten, Annie Schlosser, Colbe Tappe, Livia Trif

Grade 6: Brooke Bendson, Corben Berg, Ayden Blue, Allison Dukowitz, Bella Hines, Thomas Johnson, Caden Kramer, Justin Olson, Carter Sarbaum, Evan Schultz, MariaJose Stumbo, Chloe Trantina, Tyson Turner

Grade 5: Gage Bjerga,

Beau Carlson, Bryson Dumpprope, Roman Engbretson, Ryan Heifort, Molly Hoemberg, Clara Maros, Keira Mevissen, Ally Pesola, Maria Qureshi, Brooke Reisenauer, Lydia Rooelofs, Scarlet Stracek, EmiLynn Sullivan, Brooklyn Winter, Kalee Winter

B Honor Roll

Grade 8: Sophie Albie, Katerra Barnhart, Jacob Becker, Dustin Converse, Laken Hines, Ellen Lange, Brianna Mitchell, Arabella Moore, Madison Opatz, Levi Page, Aliza Qureshi, Hunter Richmond, Isreal Ritter, Dillan Robben, Hayden Rutherford, Alexander Schultz, Abigail Simon, Ben Tyrrell

Grade 7: Elliot Allen, Sadye Anderson, Turner Beachy, Mason Birkholtz, Luke Bjerga, Ammalee Dobson, McKenzie Fletcher, Cameron Ganyo, Jameson Harvey, Ariana Imgrund, Josie Jennissen, Reid Judd, Conner Kuhns, Noah Larson, Isaac Long, Carson Mertens, Natalie Miller, Rylee Nielson, Alexis Opelia, Andrew Paklonsky, Giselle Polknow, Nathaniel Seamann, Skyla Teply, Adelaide Toepper

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Call to participate in Dreamers project

approved for this project in 2019 but unfortunately many things were put on hold during the pandemic. Fortunately, we have received an extension until June 2022 to conduct these interviews. If you are inter-

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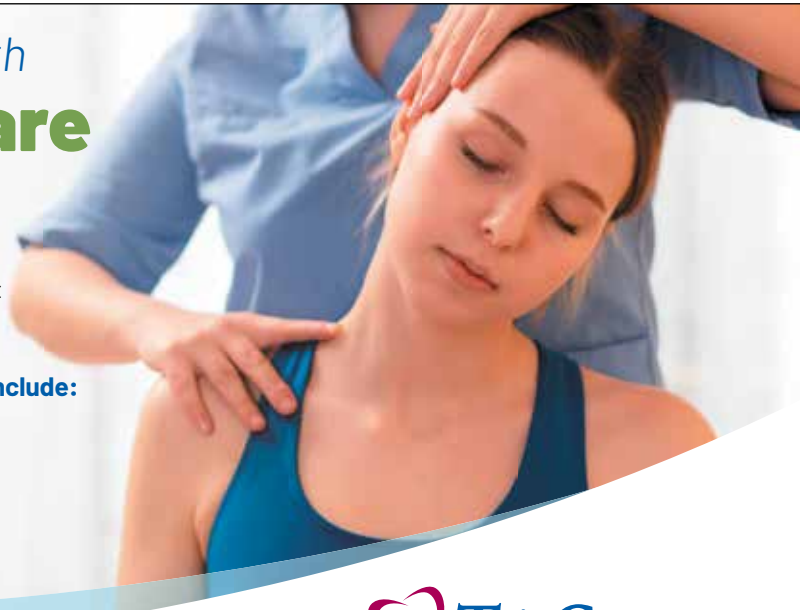


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