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Community celebration Fans, parents, classmates, teachers and coaches mingle with Staples-Motley football players after their 46-44 double overtime victory over Barnesville on Nov. 8. The Cardinals advance to play at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis on Friday, Nov. 15, at 4:30 p.m. See story, page 7a. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Todd County Commissioner race decided by one vote

As of the first count, Barb Becker won her Todd County Board seat by one vote, with 1,201 votes to 1,200 for Sharon Thiel. There were 14 write-in votes for that race.

Todd County Auditor-Treasurer Denise Gaida said Thiel has submitted a request for a recount, but a recount can not take place until after the county canvasses the election, which the board did on Nov. 8. They then will schedule a time and place for a recount.

According to the Minnesota Secretary of State Office, a small percentage of voters, usually about one in every 2,000 or 3,000, mark their ballot in a way that the machine does not accurately record it. In past recounts in Minnesota, the vote count has changed depending on markings of the ballots or disqualifying marks.

It was the only contested race in Todd County, with Bob Byers and Randy Neumann winning commissioner seats and two Soil and Water Supervisors were elected, Wayne Wendel and Larry Bebus.

Wadena County
For Wadena County Commissioner, Bryan Winkels received 898 votes to 641 for Mike Weyer.

That was the only contested race in the county, with Murlyn Kreklau winning the other commissioner seat and two Soil and Water Supervisors were elected, Tom Schulz and Bruce Juntunen.

School Board
Jeremy Reeck, Mary Freeman and Sherry Miller Frisk were elected to the Staples-Motley School Board by receiving the most votes out of seven candidates.

Election day results were Jeremy Reeck 2,638, Mary Freeman 2,103, Sherry Miller Frisk 1,965, Tonia Judd 1,819, Justin Thorne 1,612, Levi Anderson 1,033 and Kevin Trierweiler 739.

Hospital Board
Staples Area Hospital District did not have any contested races. Candidates elected to the board are Robert Mueller, Billy Haehnel, Lana Hansen, Susan Peet, Ronald Storbakken,

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Batcher Opera House featured on the world stage with Cabana

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Batcher Block Opera House is featured in the current edition of Cabana Magazine, a large and prestigious international magazine that focuses on design and architecture.

On Nov. 3, a celebration of the October issue was held at the Opera House, with guests enjoying a dinner, program and performance from the Minnesota Opera.

The magazine story came about because of Taylor O'Brien, a photographer based in Minnesota. He has traveled around the world taking photographs of people, fashion and buildings and one day he heard about the Opera House and had to visit.

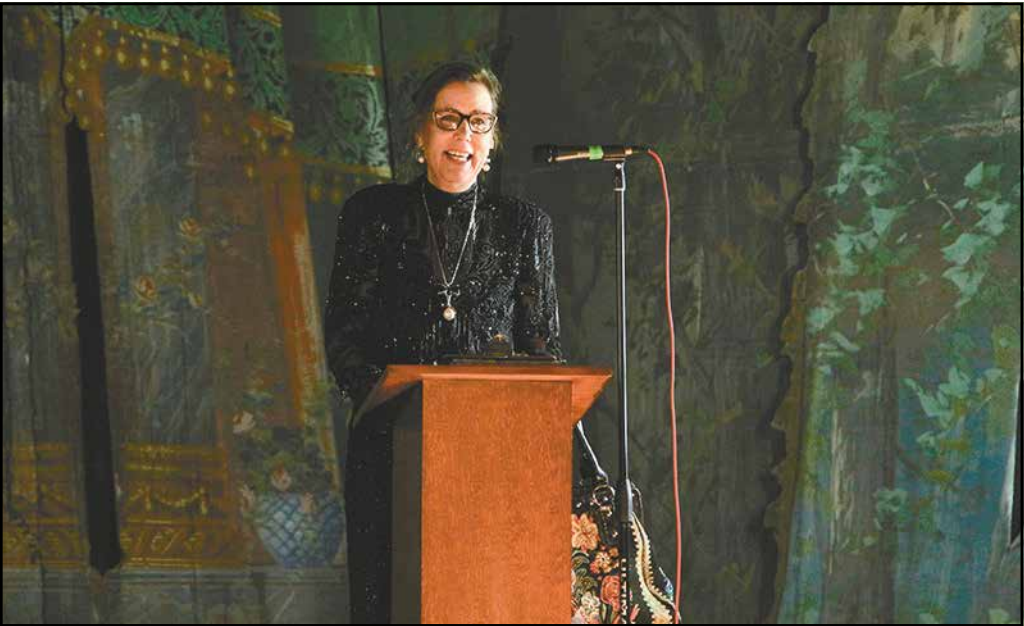
O'Brien spoke at the celebration on Nov. 3 and described the sense of wonder he got when he first saw it.

"I realized this belonged among the other amazing buildings I had been visiting," he said.

He proposed a photo shoot to the editors at Cabana Magazine in Milan, Italy. Although they primarily focus on European design, they occasionally put an American location in. O'Brien said this is only the fifth American property covered by the magazine.

While communicating with Cabana Magazine, O'Brien asked if there was anything he should do to make it fit what they are

CABANA on page 12a



Bringing attention to Staples

Colleen Frost speaks to the crowd at the celebration of Cabana Magazine's feature of the Opera House. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Featured in deluxe magazine

The Batcher Block Opera House is shown in the pages of Cabana Magazine, the start of a multiple page layout showing many photos of the building. The cover of the magazine, right, is an actual woven tapestry that functions as a cover.



Elegance at Cabana Magazine celebration

The luxurious old world vibe that was featured in Cabana Magazine became a lived experience for guests at the celebration on Nov. 3. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Weather

2024

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 13	44°	29°	Cloudy
Nov. 14	48	32	P. Cloudy
Nov. 15	45	31	P. Sunny
Nov. 16	43	30	Cloudy
Nov. 17	42	31	Cloudy
Nov. 18	43	30	Sunny
Nov. 19	41	28	Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 13	52°	3°	M. Sunny
Nov. 14	57	47	M. Sunny
Nov. 15	57	30	Sunny
Nov. 16	58	46	P. Sunny
Nov. 17	52	25	M. Sunny
Nov. 18	53	29	Sunny
Nov. 19	52	32	

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Terry Brisk’s murder still unsolved since 2016

The Morrison County Sheriff’s Office continues to ask for the public’s assistance in solving the eight-year homicide case involving Terrence (Terry) Brisk who was murdered while hunting on his parent’s property on Nov. 7, 2016.

The sheriff’s office continues to work diligently with local, state and federal agencies to solve this case. Terry Brisk was an avid outdoorsman, who was well respected. He was fatally shot on his parents’ property with his own rifle while deer hunting. Based on evidence at the scene, it was determined that the suspect was in close proximity to Terry and it is believed that Terry and the suspect would have interacted prior to the homicide taking place. Despite extensive investigation efforts, the case remains unsolved.



Terry Brisk

Sheriff Shawn Larsen advises that anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact our office, or Crime Stoppers. Every piece of information can be crucial, no matter how minor it may seem. We continue our commitment to bring closure to Terry’s family and holding the person responsible accountable for his death. There is still a \$30,000 reward for any information that leads to

an arrest and conviction of the person responsible for Terry Brisk’s murder.

You may contact the Morrison County Sheriff’s Office with any information you may have at 320-632-9233. Another option is to report this case anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Minnesota at their website www.crimestoppersMN.org, by calling the toll free number 1-800-233-TIPS (8477) from anywhere in Minnesota or by installing a Submit a Tip app on any smart phone, or by sending a text message beginning with TIP674 to CRIMES to 274637.

All contact with Crime Stoppers is anonymous and you may qualify for a reward from them if your information leads to an arrest. Together we can seek justice for Terry Brisk and his family.

Lack of housing limiting economic growth

By Mark Anderson, Managing Editor

At their Oct. 22 meeting, the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) began discussing an economic development identity for the city, but it sharpened into what board members felt was the biggest limitation on growth in the city, a lack of housing.

Board member Lisa Bjerga, Lakewood Health System CEO, said housing is the biggest factor in getting employees to come to Staples.

“We get a professional, but we can’t get them here because of housing,” said Bjerga.

Board member Shane Tappe, Staples-Motley Schools Superintendent, agreed saying that one new teacher looked for a year and a half before finding a home in Staples.

“Some people say if they can’t find a house, they are not taking a job in Staples,” said Tappe. “They end up in Baxter because that is where there is available housing.”

The board discussed the economic risks involved with developers building new single family homes. They also discussed other cities giving away free land just to get developers to build in their communities.

“It is too risky for an investor to do it all, if they don’t sell the house right away,” said Bjerga.

Todd County Development Corporation Director Melissa Wyman was at the meeting and said one issue is seniors are staying longer in their homes. While that is often good for the seniors, it means housing isn’t available for young families to move to the city.

“Seniors are two people living in a four bedroom home,” said Wyman. “They want a patio style home like a townhome. People have been talking about that need for a 55-plus community, giving them an opportunity to move out and put their house on the market.”

Staples Economic Development Director Lucas Wakefield asked what would be the best use for economic development dollars.

“If housing is the bottleneck for economic development, would it be better to terminate the economic developer and use that money to build housing?” he asked.

Board member Doug Case pointed out

that the city lost a lot of money working with the Valley View subdivision, which was started just before the housing market crash in 2008.

“That development left a bad taste, we ended up paying for it,” said Case.

Tappe said the city needs to make changes to accommodate more housing.

“If we are not willing to change, you are going to have stagnant growth,” said Tappe, “you can’t make decisions like the 1980s or 2000s, you have to be willing to adjust and be flexible.”

Bjerga agreed, saying “If you don’t do that, you are going to be outcompeted every day of the week.”

At the same time she said the city risks “running a race to the bottom” where offers of cheap land and tax breaks end up not paying off in the long run.

Economic identity

Wakefield said he would like to be proactive in getting businesses to come to Staples, but he said the city needs to give more direction on what types of businesses they would like to bring in.

He said one option is for the city to become more of a tourist destination, focusing on events, history and culture. Another idea is to build up retail, especially in the downtown area.

Staples also has the option of promoting itself as a place for families and develop industries based around that.

The city could also focus on general industry, and take advantage of connections with the large number of machining and tooling businesses and the college programs.

“Do we want to achieve a scale so that Staples is kind of a Silicon Valley for precision machining?” asked Wakefield.

He gave another example of developing health care as an industry booster, getting small-scale startups that can operate in symbiosis with the large health care industry in the community.

The SEDA board liked some of those ideas but mostly discussed housing as the place to start.

In other news, the SEDA approved \$1,500 to sponsor the Todd County Development Corporation.

Council funds Staples Depot for one more year

By Mark Anderson, Managing Editor

The Staples City Council approved \$2,000 to help with operating costs for the Staples Depot while they continue to negotiate with Amtrak on their yearly payments.

At the Oct. 22 council meeting, John Wolak of the Staples Historical Society said the Amtrak contract pays them based on square footage, but they think the basement space should be included because that is where the boilers and other needed infrastructure is set up.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said around 6,000 people come through the Depot each year, either entering or exiting in Staples. Nelsen said Amtrak is still using the contract from 15 years ago, when costs have gone up since then.

Council member Doug Case asked if they are holding fundraisers for the operating costs.

Wolak said they host the Polar Express event every year in December, but that is not intended to be a fundraiser. It is a free event that concentrates on railroad history and Christmas activities.

Cats

Nelsen said they are still researching options for reducing the number of feral cats in the city. He said the League of Minnesota Cities has brought up the issue recently, as many cities in the state have a similar problem.

Mayor Ron Murray said they would like to find volunteers to trap the problem cats so the city’s police officers would not have to do it.

Nelsen showed the council an example of a new city code for animals with definitions of feral animals, and clarifies what feeding and harboring means. The council did not vote on the new ordinance language, but will take it up at a later meeting.

In other news, the council

- Approved resolution for costs to be assessed in the 2nd St. NE street and utility improvement project. The total total cost was \$603,904, assessments over 20 years amount to \$15,000 for largest property and \$8,000 for smallest. Homeowners can also pay the full amount up front if they don’t want it added to their tax bill.
- Approved purchase agreement with Shawn Boyd to purchase a lot in the Valley View subdivision for \$14,699. The cost is determined by the square footage of the lot, based on past sales in the subdivision.
- Reviewed the Planning and Zoning meeting, which is working on amendments to the dynamic (lighted) display sign ordinance and a proposed cannabis ordinance. Nelsen said the cannabis ordinance is as restrictive as can be under state laws.
- Discussed bow hunting on city-owned property. Nelsen said seven or eight people request to hunt each year on Staples Industrial Park property. There’s one small walk-in area near Prairie Ave., where Nelsen said people have been hunting. If more than one person requests permission to hunt there, Nelsen said he puts them in contact with each other and they decide if there’s enough space for both of them. Nelsen said DNR rules require bow hunting to be 300 feet away from a bldg. or property.

Motley area law enforcement

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

Oct. 30 - Nov. 5

Nov. 5 - Motley Police issued a speeding citation to Daniel Wayne Armstrong, 33.

Nov. 5 - The Ten-Hi Bar in Motley called in a suspicious male laying outside the bar. The responding officer spoke with the subject who stated he had no ride home the night before so had slept on the picnic table. The officer gave the

man a ride home.

Nov. 4 - Motley Police assisted the state patrol on a crash at Hwy 10 and Hwy 210 in Motley.

Nov. 5 - Morrison County deputies assisted the Motley Police with a vehicle that was not stopping when the officer attempted to stop it. The subject, Michele Anna Thomson, 75, drove approximately 12-plus blocks and would not stop. She was issued a citation for no rear mirrors, which was later canceled. The incident took place at 1st Ave. S and Birch St. E, Motley.

Nov. 4 - The MCSO paged

out Motley First Response for traffic control on a vehicle in the ditch at 10262 Hwy 64 SW in Motley.

Nov. 4 - The MCSO received a report of a power pole on fire at 65 Cemetery Rd., Motley. Motley Fire and Minnesota Power responded.

Nov. 2 - The MCSO received a report of a suicidal subject in Motley.

Oct. 31 - Morrison County deputy conducted a traffic stop at Hwy 10 and Bear Rd., Cushing. Subsequently Matthew Henry Desrocher, 39, was arrested. Charges pending BCA test results.

Motley City Council approves CUP for 4-plex housing development

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting Oct. 28, the Motley City Council approved a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) as presented for the construction of a 4-plex housing development at 440 Emory Circle in Motley.

The subject property is located in the R-2 (Medium Density Residential) Zoning District, where

multi-family housing is permitted only with the approval of a CUP. The application for the CUP was submitted by Bob Boyd.

A public hearing had previously been held by the planning and zoning commission Oct. 21, at which time they voted to recommend approval of the CUP, with conditions that were outlined in the resolution.

During their discussion prior

to voting, the council noted that Boyd’s initial CUP application had been for a single family unit. When the city learned that a 4-plex unit was being built instead, they had issued a ‘cease and desist’ order to Boyd. With the approval of the new CUP, that order was removed.

The council went on to discuss a proposed amendment to Section X (Enforcement) of the Land Use

Ordinance that Kayode Adiatu, the city’s Community Development Administrator, had asked them to review. The changes had to do with violations and penalties that could potentially occur if a party fails to comply with the conditions of a Land Use ordinance.

Council member Dennis Erickson was in favor of increasing the amount of fines imposed in the

event a CUP is violated. He feels that if a fine isn’t big enough to begin with, people don’t take it as seriously.

These proposed changes will be brought back to the planning and zoning commission for their approval first, prior to the council’s vote.



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State, U.S. elections held

and Amy Brichacek.

There were no candidates for Moose Lake Township, but there were 16 write-in votes.

State races

For State Representative in District 5B, Mike Wiener received 17,604 votes and Gregg Hendrickson had 5,729.

There was one question on ballots throughout Minnesota, for a constitutional amendment establishing an environment and natural resources trust fund renewal. Minnesota voters approved this with 77 percent saying yes.

In District 5A, our connected district that extends to the Park Rapids area, Krista Knudsen won with 71 percent of the vote to 28 percent for Brian Hobson.

National races

The presidential race

had about the same results locally as the previous two presidential years. Donald Trump had 75 percent of the vote and Kamala Harris 23 percent in the local state district.

That percentage is nearly the same as in 2020, when District 9B, our former district, was 73 percent Trump, 25 percent Joe Biden. In 2016, our local district was 70 percent for Trump, 23 percent for Hillary Clinton.

For U.S. House of Representatives, in Minnesota District 7, Michelle Fischbach had 71 percent, A. Peters 28 percent. In District 8, Pete Stauber got 70 percent, Jen Schultz 29 percent.

In the U.S. Senate race, Amy Klobuchar won statewide, but in our state district, Royce White had 62 percent, with Klobuchar 34 percent.

Todd County Court report Nov. 6

Long Prairie Police Department

Jossi Imanol Ferreras Ramirez, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Bryar James Gadacz, Foley. Speed 35/30.

Maria Yulissa Jimenez Medina, Long Prairie. Open bottle law. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Yair Enrique Martinez Corrales, Melrose. Operate vehicle with expired registration.

Dairol Matos Ferreras, Long Prairie. Open bottle law. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Kevin Orozco, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type.

Omar Alexander Reyes, Long Prairie. Speed 54/45. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Alexander Robles Robles Almanzar, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Francisco Emmanuel Sanchez Nieves, St. Cloud. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Gabriel Donald Aagenes, Britt. Migratory birds-violate federal regs. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Lisa Ann Burke, New London. Fail to display valid ATV registration/decals as required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Dann Roger Weske, Clarissa. Loaded firearm. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Patrick James Winters, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Derek Lee Zigan, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Osakis Police Department

Julio Cesar Tirado Paredes, Long Prairie. Driver fails to stop for STOP Sign. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Staples Police Department

Brian Norman Jr. Vorbeck, Staples. Loud noise-vehicle. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff

Samuel Tucker Burns, Long Prairie. Speed 75/55. Fine \$70. Fee \$155. Expired registration. Fine \$30.

Matthew Scott Doss, Browerville. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Jose Gonzalez Castro, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Rayan Gutierrez Nieves, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Robin Leigh Hathaway, Long Prairie. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Brian Ronald Johnson, Hallock. Speed 76/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Ray Lamar Johnson, Staples. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Luis Fernando Ledesma, Long Prairie. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Maximo Matos Mendez, Long Prairie. Speed 73/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jayne Veronica Witz, Brainerd. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 28, 2024.

Ashton John Kirk, Alexandria. 3rd degree DWI. Dismissed. 3rd degree DWI, Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 334 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 4 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 4 yr). Fine \$400. Fee \$105.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 29, 2024.

Hayden Joseph Dooley, Sauk Rapids. Assault-4th degree-Peace Officer-physically assaults. Dismissed. Obstruct legal process. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 76 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 14 days). Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$100. Fee \$75.

William Jerome Mock, Avon. Hit & run property damage. Dismissed. Unsafe lane usage on laned highway. Continued for dismissal. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 1 yr). Fine \$100. Fee \$75.

Jane Marie Field, Osakis. Domestic assault-bodily harm. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 86 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 4 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

Antoinette Kay Kuhlmann, Browerville. Disorderly conduct. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 1 yr). Fine \$50. Fee \$50.

Guled Mohamed Ali, Long Prairie. Disorderly conduct. Stay of adjudication. Fine \$50. Fee \$50.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 24, 2024.

Levi Justin Lies, Detroit Lakes. 1st degree-possess 50 or more -methamphetamine. Dismissed. 3rd degree-possess 50 or more dosages narcotic mixture. Convicted. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days). Fine \$1000. Fee \$75.

75 Years Ago - 1949

• Nov. 17, 1949 - The 4th annual carnival given by the Motley High School Nov. 9, was attended by the usual fine crowd. Before the concessions were opened, a short program was held in the auditorium. There was music by the girls' chorus under the direction of Ardo Wrobel of the music dept., and accordion selections by Ronald Starke.

• Nov. 17, 1949 - It's fun to travel by NP (Northern Pacific) coach. Round trip fares include Staples to

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Billings, \$33.45; Staples to Spokane, \$55.40; Staples to Seattle, \$68.05. H.W. Peterson, Agent. Phone 219 - Staples.

• Nov. 17, 1949 - Vandalism seems to be going in Motley of late, and residents of that village are "sort of up in arms" over the pranks which some of the people are performing.

The "Welcome to Motley" signs which are stationed at various entrances into the village have been damaged, street lights have been shot out, and some cars have been damaged.

• Nov. 17, 1949 - Gags, comedy, and stunts - and a special tribute to Staples - will be the order of the day here Saturday, Dec. 3, when WCCO originates its "Our Own Bob" show from Anderson Hardware, member of the "Our Own" hardware organization in this city.

The program, sponsored by more than 500 independent, locally owned "Our Own" hardware stores, features Bob DeHaven, one of the northeast's most popular radio entertainers and master of ceremonies, and Hal Garven, popular singer of modern and western ballads.

Phillip Anderson, owner of Anderson Hardware, said the performance will be open to the public and that persons from the audience will be invited to take part in special attractions on the show.

• Nov. 17, 1949 - This community has been fortunate in not having any snow until early the morning of Nov. 16, but some have not liked the weather conditions here at all.

Deer hunters have been greatly handicapped in tracking deer since there

has been no snow. Deer are scarce in these parts, and that is further evidenced by the fact that few deer have been seen going through Staples on fenders or tops of cars after they have been killed.

50 Years Ago - 1974

• Nov. 14, 1974 - Thirty-two oil paintings by Jon Hassler, Brainerd Community College Instructor of humanities, were on display at Bemidji State College Nov. 4-8 and will be on display at the Brainerd Community College Nov. 18-22.

Hassler, a former Bemidji State instructor, entitles his show "Farm and Forest 74...." It depicts north country lake, field, forest and farm landscapes. Mr. Hassler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo B. Hassler of Staples.

• Nov. 14, 1974 - Members of the World War I Barracks of Staples and its auxiliary held a dinner in observance of Veterans Day Nov. 8, in the Staples VFW hall.

• Nov. 14, 1974 - Twelve members of the Staples Boxing Team participated in their first competition last Thursday evening at Perham in the 15 match program promoted by Simon Olson of New York Mills. Area boxers from six communities participated.

Boxing for Staples were Russ Newcomb, Dave Johnson, Todd Crawford, Tim Manning, Jim Crawford, Greg Nanik, Tom Crawford, Mark Crawford, Duane Payne, Blaine Nanik, Gerry Sowada and Joe Legett. They are coached by Art Manning.

• Nov. 14, 1974 - Showing at the Staples Theatre Nov. 16 - 19, "Jeremiah Johnson" starring Robert Redford.

• Nov. 14, 1974 - Community Progress Day will be observed in Staples Nov. 19, with the dedication of the new Staples Community Center, the open house of the History on Wheels and tours of the industrial park.

Eric Lloyd, director of the Community Center, said that the ceremonies will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the center auditorium. Jack Wilson, president of the Staples Chamber of Commerce, will be master of ceremonies. The dedication will be performed by Ernest E. Weber, Mayor of the City of Staples.

Participating in the dedication program will be the Cardinal Band under the direction of Larry Correll, the A Cappella Choir directed by Stan Carlson,



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1974. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

25 Years Ago - 1999

• Nov. 18, 1999 - The Cardinal girls swim team swam some of their best times, setting six new school records at the Section 3A swim meet Friday and Saturday, but the girls did not break into the field for the state swim meet this weekend.

They came very close, with Darcy Reese swimming her best ever time in the breast stroke and finishing in third place. Only the top two section swimmers advance to state. Coach Bruce Onischuk said that Reese's time in the preliminary race on Friday night was a state qualifying time and a new school record.

• Nov. 18, 1999 - Jayme Hajek, daughter of Mike and Jeannie Hajek of Staples, has been selected as an entrant in the 2000 Miss Minnesota Teen USA Pageant to be staged at the Radisson Hotel in St. Paul Nov. 27 - 28.

• Nov. 18, 1999 - Minnesota moose hunters had a very successful season in 1999, according to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). A total of 136 moose were taken by 189 parties in northeastern Minnesota.

• Nov. 18, 1999 - In Concert Saturday, Nov. 20, 7:30

p.m. at Centennial Auditorium in Staples - The Dale Warland Singers. The concert is part of the Centennial Auditorium Series.

• Nov. 18, 1999 - Several levels of opportunities are now available for senior citizens that weren't there 10 and even five years ago, according to Loree Besser, senior housing director of Pine Lawn Estate.

Besser's remarks came during a recent tour for the Staples Rotary Club. The congregated housing unit on Airport Road in Staples is now open for occupancy.

• Nov. 18, 1999 - Four young students from Staples Elementary have been accepted into the Minnesota Elementary Honors Choir, a group sponsored by the Minnesota American Choral Directors Association. They are David Gast, Christopher Olsen, Becky Iverson and Wade Anderson.

10 Years Ago - 2014

• Nov. 13, 2014 - A 'surprise wedding' in honor of Judy and Lee Jenkins' 50th wedding anniversary took place Oct. 30, at the Staples United Methodist Church. The wedding was a gift from their children and included the attendance of 80 guests, a cake, and a new wedding dress for Judy..things that were not present at their earlier wedding.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Dec. 21, 1978 edition of the Staples World featured the first 14 members of the bell choir as they appeared at Dr. Lund's Christmas Tea. Front row from left: Jackie Nelson, Lisa Sadusky, Penny DeMars, Jill Tyrrell, Lisa Westling, Lisa Schey and Joanne Lenk. Second row: Scott Gardner, Andy Statema, Julie Rach, Michele Kilbury, Marcella Corbett, Andrea Schimpp and Linda Garland. The choir has learned one piece, but with vocal accompaniment and variations it is a beautiful sound. Director John Wolak plans to increase the choir in members and its repertoire.

John Wolak of Staples correctly identified all and recalled this event, going on to share, "This was my first bell choir that I formed in the fall of 1978. This picture was taken of their first concert performed at a Christmas Tea in the cafeteria at the Staples High School. The Tea was given by former superintendent of schools, Dr. Duane Lund. The set of two octave bells was a gift from the Gordon Sellnow Memorial Fund. These young musicians were all students at the Staples school." Andrea (Schimpp) Carlson of Decorah, Iowa, has fond memories of being a part of this bell choir. She recognized the other students, but thought the Schey girl's first name was Leslie. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.



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VFW Voice of Democracy winners

Staples-Motley students wrote essays for the annual VFW Voice of Democracy contest. From left, Gunnar Kleinschmidt, winner of the VFW quilt; Clara Maros, 3rd

place; Addison Potter, 1st place; and Lydia Roelofs, 2nd place. (Submitted photo)

Mark Your Calendar

November 13

WOMEN'S AA MTG Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m., at Staples Church of Christ, on Hwy 210, south of Staples.

November 14

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

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Brad Neutz, caller. For info., 612-743-3480.

November 15

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.

November 17

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

November 18

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

November 19

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.

'GRIEF SHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church basement, through Dec. 17. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

November 20

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 5:30 p.m., in the senior room at the Staples Community Center. Public invited. To attend via ZOOM contact Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.

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Scandia Valley Lions
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Scandia Valley Town Hall,
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The Senior Dining Site is located at the Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples.

Meals may be reserved through the nutrition site by calling LuAnn at

218-894-2556. Those wishing to attend should order the meal by 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14.

Nov. 20 menu: Country pork tips w/ gravy, parslieed noodles, capri veg. blend, caramelized pears, herb butter roll, marg., 1% milk.

The Meals on Wheels lunch program is also available by calling LuAnn at 218-894-2556. Meals are offered at a nominal fee on a weekday basis through LSS Meals.

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Donations are accepted only during regular library hours and cannot be left in the atrium. Library hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 1-8 p.m., Friday from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon

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The Staples Public Library is located just north of the spotlight on Hwy. 10 in the City Hall building at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. For information call 218-894-1401 or visit griver.org/locations/staples.

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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
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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
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Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July 9 a.m.
July - January 11 a.m.

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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
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley..... 218-894-2296
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
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 Malcore
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.
218-746-3768
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
218-924-2028
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 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 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
Vermdale..... 218-894-2296
info@maysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday 6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass 218-894-2296
info@maysacc.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.

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Obituary

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Lois Tyrrell

Lois Marie Tyrrell, 88, of Brainerd, passed away November 6, 2024, at Woodland Good Samaritan Society, Brainerd.

Funeral services will be held at Halvorson Taylor Life Events Center, Brainerd, on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m. Visitation will be held at 9 a.m. until the time of service at Halvorson Taylor Life Events Center, Brainerd.

Burial will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Lois was born September 12, 1936, to Ernest and Dorothy (Baerwald) Messer in Bertha. She married Eugene Tyrrell and they raised two children.

Lois lived a life filled with love, faith and a zest for life. In her younger years, she was an avid skier, enjoying both water and snow and was a lifelong bowler. She found joy in outdoor activities including boating, barbecuing, birdwatching, spending time at the lake and as a supporter of animal and nature conservancy.

Her adventurous spirit led her to attend school in Minneapolis as a Registered Medical Technologist; to explore the world, traveling coast to coast



and abroad to Mexico and Japan. Wherever Lois went she remained deeply rooted in her faith, being an active member of the church community, teaching Vacation Bible School and bringing a strong moral and spiritual compass to her life's journey.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Norman (Xiaohong Zheng) Tyrrell; two sisters, Renee (Rick) Pfenning and Carol (Russ) Oyster; three grandchildren, Alexander Tyrrell, Ethan (Willy) Horn and Calissa Tyrrell and one great-grandson, Grayson Horn.

Lois is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Eugene and daughter, Ann Horn.

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Matt Vee, family and friends celebrate the music of Neil Diamond at Gichi-ziibi Center

On Friday, November 15 at 7 p.m., the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd will come alive with the timeless sounds of one of the greatest musical icons of our time.

Central Lakes College Performing Arts Center is presents "I Am, He Said: Matt Vee, Family and Friends Celebrate the Music of Neil Diamond."

"We are saying what HE said," laughs Matt Vee, referencing the legendary Neil Diamond. Alongside cousins Jeff and Tommy Vee, the sons of rock 'n' roll icon Bobby Vee, Matt brings a high-energy tribute to the stage with The Killer Vees. Featuring Diamond's greatest hits like "Cracklin' Rosie," "America" and "Sweet Caroline," this show promises to deliver a night of unforgettable music.

The Killer Vees are no strangers to the music scene. Jeff and Tommy Vee have spent nearly 40 years performing alongside a who's who of rock royalty, including legends like Paul McCartney, Chuck Berry, and Jerry Lee Lewis. Joining them on stage will be Matt Vee's wife, Julie Veline, on vocals; Tommy's son, Bennett Vee, on lead guitar and an all-star lineup of musicians, including George Maurer on keyboards, Dennis Kennedy on percussion, and Richard Manik on saxophone, flute and vocals. Together, they bring Diamond's music to life, celebrating his decades-spanning career.

"This is not a tribute show," emphasizes Tommy Vee. "This is a celebration of an amazing musical icon, one we all love and respect. We've been fans since grade

school, and now we get to celebrate his music in a way that's authentic and exciting. It's all about the vocals and Matt nails it. It's a rockin' show."

Neil Diamond, a songwriting legend who began his career in the mid-1960s at Tin Pan Alley, penned songs recorded by artists as diverse as Elvis Presley, Deep Purple and The Monkees ("I'm A Believer"). With over 100 million records sold worldwide, his music has touched generations and continues to inspire.

The show will feature local talent from The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota. Over 20 members of the Legacy Chorale will join the Vees onstage for select songs.

"The Legacy Chorale members embody the ample artistic talent in our community," said Joey Yow, Director of the CLC Performing Arts Center. "I'm thrilled that Artistic Director Mike Smith and Managing Director Kennedy Niska, along with the talented chorale members, can join us for this special event."

This collaboration marks a unique moment, blending the powerful voices of local singers with the Killer Vees' energetic tribute to Neil Diamond's iconic music.

Event: "I Am, He Said: Matt Vee, Family and Friends Celebrate the Music of Neil Diamond"; Fri., Nov. 15, 7 p.m.; Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts, Brainerd. Tickets: www.clcperformingarts.com or 218-855-8199

For more information, visit www.clcperformingarts.com or contact the Central Lakes College Performing Arts Center.

"Enter In The Joy"
Fr. Rick Aubol, Sacred Heart Church, Staples

For centuries, November has been the month to intensify our prayer for our deceased loved ones. In Mexican culture, they emphasize remembering our loved ones on Nov. 2 with the Day of the Dead. Rather than fearing and avoiding death, they visit cemeteries, take pictures, have picnics, reminisce and tell stories of their family back an impressive amount of generations; Pixar's movie Coco is entirely set in this kind of context. But we can do even more.

It's because of the Church that the Day of the Dead is on Nov. 2, All Souls Day. The day before is All Saints Day which is when we celebrate every person who lives in heaven with God. By definition, everyone who lives with God is a saint, a holy one, because they live with God, Who alone is Holy. All of us are called to be saints, like they sing in New Orleans, "Lord, how I want to be in that number!" and this isn't to merely be a name on a list or sit on a cloud playing a harp forever, but already to live here the amazing destiny for which God creates us; to live not only in harmony with Him, but even to share in His divinity, to become like Him. In so celebrating, we also recognize

that we aren't there yet, that we need help, God's grace, just like all the saints do.

On All Souls Day then, we naturally move to pray for the rest of the faithful departed, whether we still remember them or not, those who were faithful, but not perfect yet. We do this because, "nothing unclean can enter heaven." C.S. Lewis imagines it this way, "Would it not break the heart if God said to us, 'It is true, my son, that your breath smells and your rags drop with mud and slime, but we are charitable here and no one will upbraid you with these things, nor draw away from you. Enter in the joy?' Should we not reply, "With submission, sir, and if there is no objection, I'd rather be cleaned first.' It may hurt, you know. Even so, sir." Thus, our prayers for our loved ones really help them get cleaned up faster.

We don't stop loving each other after death, rather, more than ever, our hope is in the Lord and His mercy, which receives our love and lets us continue to help them with our prayers to reach the end we're called to strive for, for it's a "narrow gate," but "blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb."

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State tournament overtime thriller, 46-44 win

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Staples-Motley was victorious in what has to be one of the most epic games in state football tournament history, a 46-44 double overtime win over Barnesville on Nov. 7 to advance to the state semifinals.

It was a hard-hitting game at the line of scrimmage, with both teams blocking fiercely for 48 minutes and two overtimes. Both teams made outstanding plays with their skill players. Both teams overcame turnovers. The Cardinals overcame penalties and an early deficit.

After all that, the game came down to a battle of willpower on extra points. Eli Rutten scored on a quarterback plunge for the two point extra point after Colbe Tappe's touchdown in the second overtime.

"The play was '10 king,' I just grab the ball and run up the middle," said Rutten about his winning score. "I knew I was going to get in, I was going to find a way, they weren't going to stop me."

He made it in for the winning score.

Rutten finished the game with 263 yards passing, 189 of them to Alex Schultz. Tappe scored five touchdowns.

But the game was won only after the Cardinal defense learned to shut down a potent Barnesville running game, with Steven Petrich and Drake Dukowitz taking on blockers while Tappe and Luke Bjerga filled the gaps and grabbed the runners before they could get extra yardage.

"We were jamming the guards and tackles and then just grabbing the first guy we see," said Petrich.

Game summary

The game started out with Barnesville attempting an onside kick that Zachary Tabatt knocked down and covered before anyone could get to it.

Staples-Motley came out passing and despite a nice catch by Turner Beachy, they punted.

Barnesville had finished first and second in the state the past two years, and had two star running backs. Petrich said it was the toughest line he had played against.

"They knew how to down block, kick out, they were good at everything," said Petrich.

On their second play from scrimmage, Barnesville broke through the middle and raced for a long touchdown. Bjerga stopped the extra point attempt to make the score 0-6.

In their second drive, Staples-Motley made it clear that their plan was to throw the ball a lot.

Playing in their first state tournament game against a team playing their ninth state game in the last four years, all the pressure should have been on Staples-Motley. But Rutten was not phased by his task of throwing 34 passes against such an experienced team.

"I just keep calm and run the plays that the coaches give us," said Rutten, "and the receivers made great catches."

Rutten kept throwing and hit Schultz for a 38 yard catch and one more for another first down. But the drive stalled when a pass on fourth down got broken up.

Barnesville moved steadily down the field with several big runs and scored again. They added the two point conversion to make the score 0-14.

At this point, the Cardinals could have felt demoralized, because they had been stopped twice and had not shown any ability to stop their opponent. But the Staples-Motley fans, packed into their section at the St. Cloud Tech stadium, didn't allow the team to let up for a second. The fans cheered every play and every tackle, even when behind by two touchdowns. They announced every first down until the Barnesville team got tired of hearing it.

The Cardinals stuck with their game plan, which was

to pass the ball.

"The team needed to find an edge," said Rutten. "Passing that much made the run game better."

Throughout the game, Rutten had ample time to throw, with his offensive line giving him a clean pocket on nearly every play.

Jacob Becker, a senior lineman, said the team takes a lot of pride in their pass protection.

"We just do our job, we take care of our guy and do it one play at a time," said Becker.

Petrich said the pass protection came down to practice. "All the guys worked so hard at it, we became good," he said.

Rutten went right back to work down 0-14, with passes to Schultz, Conner Kuhns and Benet Robinson. It started to loosen up the defense because Tappe had a nice run interspersed between the passes.

They drove down towards the goal line and then on the first play of the second quarter, Tappe took a pitch sweep to the left side and scored a six yard touchdown. Rutten passed to Schultz for the two point conversion and suddenly it was a game, down 8-14.

On the next Barnesville drive, Coach Drew Potter had enough of allowing runs up the middle and sent Bjerga on middle blitzes on first and second down to shut the inside gap. It worked very well with very little gain. On third down, Barnesville dropped their first pass of the game and were forced to punt. After that series, Barnesville often struggled with their inside run, not knowing when the blitz was coming.

Staples-Motley got into good field position again but missed on a fourth down try for the second time.

Barnesville responded with another long touchdown run to make the score 8-22.

Tappe gave the team a spark with a 30 yard kick-off return. Passes to Beachy, Ben Tyrrell and Schultz set up another long pass to Schultz. He had been getting bumped on his routes up to this point, but not enough to get a penalty called. This time the referee saw he was being held while going for the ball and threw the flag, but Schultz wouldn't let a little holding stop him, he brought the ball in at the same time the defender grabbed for it and they fell at the four yard line, ruled simultaneous possession and a catch for Schultz.

It was one of many big plays Schultz and the rest of the team made. "We know we are playmakers, we do what we do," said Schultz.

Tappe took it from there for a touchdown and the score was 14-22.

With 2:45 left in the half, Barnesville had plenty of time to score again. Staples-Motley had only stopped them once with the help of a drop, but they continued working at it.

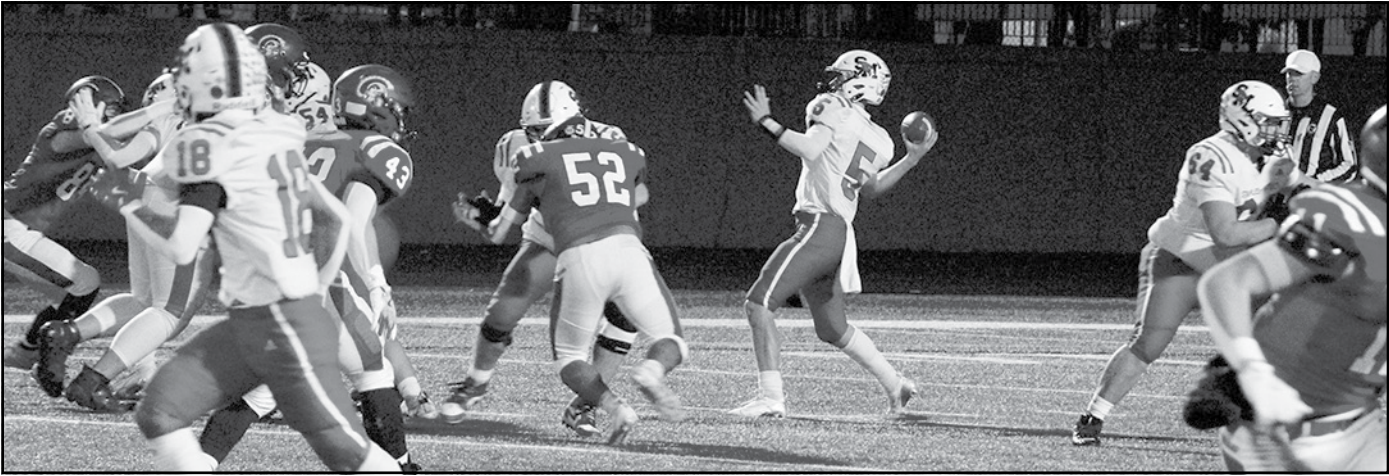
Noah Larson and Riley Reese combined on a tackle for loss to slow them down, but Barnesville still got a first down.

That's when defensive end Adrian Gomez came alive and shut down their attack. He first got a sack when the quarterback rolled out, then smothered two running plays.

Gomez said it took the defense some time to learn what Barnesville was doing and what gaps they were trying to create. Even if they were starting to figure it out, they still had to beat their blocker and get to the ball. In order to make those tackles, "I had to be better, I was the better player," said Gomez.

Noah Larson started to catch on also. "When the motion was to my side, I knew who to key off," he said. "We got into that 'Coach Potter defensive mentality,' to have that desire to make the play."

That mentality was there even after the team had a string of bad plays, "It didn't matter," said Larson, "We just wanted to get the



With no defenders near him, Eli Rutten fires a deep pass.



Winning touchdown

Colbe Tappe crosses the goal line for his second overtime touchdown, his fifth of the game, that proved to be the winning score in the state playoff game. Benet

next play, it was a team effort."

Tappe made the tackle on the final attempt of the first half and the Cardinals stayed within one score at halftime because of this stellar defensive stop.

After getting those first two stops, Gomez said the team started feeling the momentum turning in their favor.

"Even though we were behind at halftime, we knew we could win," said Petrich. Once we stopped them, we knew they could be stopped."

Second half

The newly inspired defense came out in the second half with run stops by Sawyer Ferdon and Dukowitz. Barnesville threw a rare pass for a first down, but then committed a big error with a fumbled snap on the next play. Bjerga and Petrich covered the ball the Cardinals finally had a chance to tie the score.

After passing most of the first half, Staples-Motley started running effectively in this drive, with Kuhns and Tappe getting good yardage.

The drive nearly stalled, but on 4th and 11, Rutten fired a pass to Tappe for the first down. Tappe finished the drive with his third touchdown run and Rutten passed to Schultz for the two point conversion, tying the score at 22-22.

On the next Barnesville drive, Petrich, Larson and Gomez stepped up to stop runs. On fourth and nine, Tyrrell blitzed from the left edge, flushed the quarterback and ran him down for a sack.

After being gouged for 22 points in the first fifteen minutes of the game, the third quarter ended and Barnesville still had just the 22 points.

The Cardinals couldn't move the ball and punted. Barnesville gave it back after a stop by Peyton Mithun. They fumbled and Larson dove on the ball.

Rutten floated a pass to Schultz on the sideline, but a Barnesville player made a great catch with his feet an inch from the sideline for an interception.

Despite two tackles for loss by Bjerga and one by Becker, Barnesville started getting some positive runs again. With under five minutes to play in the game, they broke open their first big run since early in the second quarter, with their star running back taking it

to the one yard line, where he fumbled when he got hit. Staples-Motley claimed that the fumble went out of bounds in the end zone, which means it would be a touchback, but the referees gave Barnesville the ball back on the one yard line. They scored from there and converted to make the score 22-30.

The Cardinals faced a daunting drive to try and tie the game, but they skipped all the drama and struck quickly. Rutten threw a deep pass to Schultz.

"It was play action," said Schultz, "we faked the run to the left and threw it back to the right. The QB put it in a good spot and I took it from there."

He caught the ball in stride, weaved to avoid the defensive back chasing him, and raced into the end zone.

After Schultz had caught two extra point conversions earlier, they crossed it up and Rutten threw it to Tappe for the two pointer, tying the game again at 30.

With 3:29 left and a newly revitalized Barnesville offense, the Cardinals needed their defense to step up again.

Bjerga made a stop, Robinson broke up a pass and Petrich made a tackle for loss, but Barnesville got first downs with a run and a pass.

Tyrrell made a stop in the backfield and Kuhns broke up a pass. On third down, Tappe and Bjerga combined for a tackle and finally forced Barnesville to punt.

With 1:05 left, the Cardinals attempted a drive that got into Barnesville territory, but the clock ran out before they could make an attempt for the end zone and regulation ended at 30-30.

Overtime

For high school overtime rules, each team gets the ball at the 10 yard line and has four plays to try and score.

Staples-Motley got the ball first and had two short running plays. On third down, Kuhns caught a short pass but Barnesville was called for defensive holding, giving them another third down try from the four.

Tappe ran off tackle to the left side, found it congested and bounced it outside, outrunning the defense to the end zone. For the extra point, Rutten threaded a high pass to Schultz, who was sandwiched between two defend-

ers. Schultz made another clutch catch, his third extra point catch in the game.

"If the ball's in the air, you've just got to go get it," said Schultz.

Barnesville scored quickly on their overtime possession. For their extra point, the running back got hit but lunged towards the goal line. Staples-Motley started to celebrate because they thought his knee was down before he reached the line, but the referee gave him the forward momentum and ruled it a score to tie the game at 38.

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Tappe's second overtime touchdown was nearly identical to his first, hitting a crowded line and bouncing outside for the score.

The Cardinals called time out to discuss the extra point try. They had been gaining yards through the air and on wide runs, so when the 10 king QB smash was called, at first Rutten wondered if that was the right play to run in this moment. It would be the first time in the entire game that they would rely on pure strength and determination to push straight through the

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State football semifinal

With their win against Barnesville in the state tournament, the 11-0 Staples-Motley football team will play in the state semifinals on Friday, Nov. 15, at 4:30 p.m. at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, the home of the Minnesota Vikings.

The Cardinals will face Chatfield, who also has a record of 11-0.

The Minnesota Star-Tribune has Chatfield ranked 2nd in the state behind Barnesville. MaxPreps and MinnesotaScores.net both have Chatfield ranked first in the state.

In their first round state game, Chatfield barely escaped Triton, winning 23-22 with a touchdown and extra point with 1:14 left in the game. They had beaten Triton 33-6 earlier in the season.

Two years ago, Chatfield lost to Barnesville in the state championship game. Last year they did not make it to state.

big, experienced opponents.

"Every game I trust the coaches to give us great plays," said Rutten, "so I knew it would work."

He didn't question it, called it in the huddle and the team raced to the line of scrimmage, eager to run the play. Off the snap, Staples-Motley pushed forward two yards, but when Rutten hit the line, they were stalled at the goal line. With all of the linemen still pushing, the Cardinals generated a second surge and Rutten was able to dive clearly over the line for the winning two points.

Rutten leaped off the pile and raced over to the screaming Staples-Motley fans, his team chasing behind him, to celebrate the victory.

After shaking hands with the Barnesville team, Coach Potter gathered the team for a very short post-game breakdown, which amounted to "go celebrate with your fans." The team did, as parents, classmates, teachers and fans filtered onto the field for hugs and smiles, commemorating their state tournament win.

"This was the best experience of my life," Becker said.

"I love this team, we keep going, we're resilient, we keep working," said Larson.

"I love this team," said Rutten. "It's more than a team, I love this city."

"It was the biggest game of my life," said Petrich. "Even since our Quad County days (5th and 6th grade league) we have been saying that we will be state champions, now we're one step closer."

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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #4
Mon., Sept. 23, 2024,
6 p.m. District Office

MINUTES
Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Winkels at 6:00 p.m. Members Reeck, Winkels, Reese, Trout, Anderson and Wright were present, comprising a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Business Manager Hill, Principal Ferdon, Principal Koenigs, Recording Clerk Larson, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson, Williams of ICS, staff members, students and community members. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, and Pledge of Allegiance
Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson to approve the edit to #10, addition to #18 and the addition of #29. **MC**
Motion by Trout, seconded by Reese to adopt the agenda. **MC**
Chair Winkels welcomed and recognized those in attendance
School/Community Forum
NONE
Consent Agenda
Approve the Minutes from the August 19, 2024 regular meeting
Approve the fundraiser requests from ISC
Approve the fundraiser requests from STUDCO
Approve the fundraiser request from SM Basketball Boosters
Approve the fundraiser request from the Music Department
Approve the resignations of:
a. Kandi Bartylla, transportation, effective Sept. 4, 2024
b. Natalie Bateman, Pre-K paraprofessional effective August 26, 2024
c. Jeff Sterriker, Assistant wrestling Coach, effective August 26, 2024
d. Skyla Rewitzer, Span-

ish Teacher, effective August 23, 2024
Approve the hire of:
a. Ashley Goltz, Middle/High School Paraprofessional
b. Debra Eagle Tail, Elementary School Paraprofessional
c. Kyla Gray, School Readiness Paraprofessional
Approve the addition of \$200 \$350 petty cash
Approve the 2024/25 contract with TechCheck.
~~Approve the 24/25 Central Lakes College CIS/Concurrent Enrollment agreement (Moved below)~~
Approve the 24/25 contract with The Vintage Golf Course
Approve the 24/25 School Provider agreement with Recover Health of MN, Inc. DBA Aveanna Healthcare
Approve the Therapy and Instructional Services agreement with eLuma
Approve the 24/25 Agreement Option 2 for online instruction with Northern Star Online
Approve the fundraiser request from SM PTO
Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright, to approve the consent agenda. **MC**
Approve the 24/25 Central Lakes College CIS/Concurrent Enrollment agreement
Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels to approve the 24/25 Central Lakes College CIS/Concurrent Enrollment agreement. **MC** (Wright abstained)
Donations and In-Kind Contributions
Motion by Wright, seconded by Trout, to approve Grants and Donations in the amount of \$19,050 \$28,576.54. **MC**
Finance Items
(*Finance Committee Minutes 9-13-2024*)
Financial Report presented by Business Manager Hill
Approve the August Disbursements
General Fund: \$658,805.07
Food Service: \$65,451.19
Community Service: \$18,812.31
Construction Fund: \$1,470,978.67

Debt Service: \$13.33
Fund 21 Student Activities: \$0.00
Fund 45: \$0.00
Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to approve the August Disbursements. **MC**
Approve the August Receipts
General Fund: \$2,024,627.52
Food Service: \$18,822.44
Community Service Fund: \$20,802.62
Construction Fund: \$388,653.87
Debt Service Fund: \$168,224.25
Fund 21 Student Activities: \$572.77
Fund 45: \$5,261.71
Motion by Anderson, seconded by Trout, to approve the August receipts. **MC**
Motion by Wright, seconded by Winkels, to certify the proposed tax levy at maximum; payable in 2025. **MC**
(*Public Announcement: The Truth in Taxation meeting will be held on Monday December 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room at which time the budget and levy will be discussed and the public will be allowed to speak.*)
Cabinet Presentation
Dean of Students
Presentation by Dean of Students Sarych
Facilities
Presentation by ICS representative Williams
Curriculum / Policy
(*Policy Committee Minutes 9-18-2024*)
Approve the review of the following MSBA policies with minimal or no changes.
101 - Legal Status
103 - Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons
515 - Protection & Privacy of Pupil Records
532 - Use of Peace Officers & Crisis Teams to Remove Students w IEP's
535 - Service Animals
609 - Religion
806 - Crisis Management
Motion by Wright, seconded by Anderson, to approve the review of MSBA policies with mini-

mal or no changes. **MC**
Approve the review of the following MSBA policies with changes.
503 - Attendance Policy
507 - Corporal Punishment
516 - Student Medication
607 - Sixth Grade Athletic Participation
608 - Instructional Services for Special Education
Motion by Reeck, seconded by Reese, to approve the review of MSBA policies with changes. **MC**
First reading of MSBA policy 524 - Internet, Technology and Cell Phone Acceptable Use & Safety.
Other
Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to approve MOU with SMEA regarding the Locally Donated Sick Leave Bank. **MC**
Motion by Trout, seconded by Wright, to approve the MOU with SMEA regarding PTO/Personally accrued sick leave bank. **MC**
Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels, to approve the MOU with SMEA regarding READ Act training. **MC**
Motion by Wright, seconded by Anderson, to approve the sealed bids for miscellaneous items. **MC**
Reports:
School Board
a. FED
b. Sourcewell - July Minutes
SMEA - Report from Representatives Kneisl and Evans
Principals
a. Elementary - Report from Principal Koenigs
b. Middle/High - Report from Principal Ferdon
AD/Community Ed - Report from AD/CE Director Lee
Superintendent - Report from Superintendent Tappe
Other
Tour of "The NEST"
Motion by Wright, seconded by Reeck, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. **MC**
Trisha Larson, Clerk
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Staples Police report

Oct. 28, Staples Police received information regarding possible stolen items that had been located in the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE. Police will forward a report to Todd County Sheriff's Office due to it being a part of their investigation.
Oct. 30, Staples Police were dispatched to Staples-Motley High School to take a report of an out of control juvenile. Police met with staff.
Nov. 1, Staples Police were dispatched to and individual who was in crisis. Police located the individual on McKinley Street SW, and found that they had been having mental health problems. They were informed of who to contact if they had been having suicidal thoughts. Police noted that the individual was being disorderly afterwards and yelling in the front yard.
Nov. 1, Staples Police and Wadena County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a suspicious person at the intersection of Dakota Ave. SE and 2nd St. SE. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to a female who was barefoot. She said she was looking for a wire and a dead skunk. Officers spoke to the female who was confrontational and did carry a large knife and appeared to have mental issues. Female did not want assistance from officers and was on a public roadway, not committing a crime. Officers left the area to stop the situation from escalating. Female was advised if she needed assistance she could call.
Nov. 3, Staples Police were dispatched to Casey's General Store in Staples about an individual who wanted to speak with a sheriff. The caller advised that it was a possible mental health situation but did not know. Police made contact and assisted in getting the subject to Lakewood Health System. Assisting this call was the Todd County Sheriff's Office.
Nov. 3, Staples Police were dispatched to Lakewood Health System to assist with a patient who was acting up. Staff requested help when telling the patient they were going to placed on a 72 hour hold. Police stood by as they placed a hold on the person.
Nov. 3, Staples Police responded to a domestic assault in the 1400 block of 3rd Street NE. Police found multiple vehicle windows smashed out. Police arrested Baylee Batson, 25, and transported to the Wadena County Jail.

Todd County Sheriff's report

Recent reports from the Todd County Sheriff's Office included:
Nov. 4, at 11:54 p.m.: Todd County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call in regards to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of State Highway 210 and County Rd 21. Todd County Deputies, Staples Ambulance and Detroit Lakes State Patrol responded to the scene. The driver of the vehicle was east bound on State 210 when the vehicle drifted into the ditch, hit a field approach and crashed. Through investigation, the driver was arrested for drinking and driving. The driver was medically evaluated and was transported to the Todd County Jail
Nov. 1, 2:30 p.m.: TCSO received a call of a single vehicle crash on State 28 in the city of Burtrum. It was reported the vehicle had crashed into a grove of trees and was fully engulfed in flames. Deputies arrived on scene to find the vehicle on fire, with no occupants around or inside. The Grey Eagle and Swanville Fire Dept. extinguished the fire. The Minnesota State Patrol is conducting the crash investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Todd County Sheriff's Office, 320-732-2157.
Oct. 23, 1:56 p.m.: Todd County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) responded to the intersection of Co Rd 24 and Co Rd 75 for a two-vehicle crash. Frances Bakken of Staples was traveling westbound on Co Rd 24 behind Merrill Klebs of Staples also traveling westbound. As they approached the intersection Klebs turned onto Co Rd 75 just as Bakken was passing. Bakken struck Klebs on the driver's side causing moderate damage to both vehicles. No injuries were sustained. Assisting was Premier Towing, Wadena.
Oct. 22, 8:52 p.m.: TCSO received a call of a one vehicle crash on Cty Rd 1 and 360th St, rural Eagle Bend. A grey 2020 Honda Civic driven by Devin Lee Arola Johnson of Menahga, was headed northbound on Cty 1, swerved to avoid a deer and ended up in the ditch striking a tree. Johnson was transported to the hospital by Bertha Ambulance. Petrie's Towing assisted on scene.
Oct. 21, 2:22 p.m.: TCSO responded to the address of 39373 225th Ave for an ATV accident. Shawna Renee Mckenzie was north bound on 225th Ave when she veered into the ditch rolling the ATV. Bertha Ambulance along with the Clarissa Fire Dept. were able to remove her from the ditch and she was transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.
Oct. 18, 8:12 p.m.: TCSO responded near the intersection of Cty Rd 1 and Co Rd 36 to a one vehicle accident. A juvenile male was south bound on Cty Rd 1 when he veered into the ditch rolling the vehicle. No injuries were reported. Petrie's Towing assisted on scene.
Oct. 17, 8:44 p.m.: TCSO responded to the intersection of Cty Rd 21 and 370th St to a one vehicle accident. George Joseph Sovich was north bound on Cty Rd 21 when he veered into the ditch rolling the vehicle. On scene Sovich was alert, stating that he was having chest pains. The Browerville Ambulance and Browerville Fire Dept. were able to extricate Sovich from the vehicle and he was transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.
Oct. 17, 2:53 p.m.: TCSO received a 911 call of a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Cty 20 and Cty 21 in rural Browerville. A 2015 black Ford F150 driven by Samuel Arthur James Jerome of Rice had severe front end damage. Jerome had no apparent injuries. A 2015 White Chevrolet Silverado driven by Garold Edward Larson of Browerville had severe side, rear and front damage. Larson had minor injuries and was transported by Browerville Ambulance.
Oct. 17, 6:32 a.m. TCSO received a 911 call of a single vehicle accident at 40796 Cty Rd 21 in rural Browerville. Upon arrival a 2014 white Ford F150 was laying upside down in the northbound ditch. The driver, identified as Nicholas Richard Stone, 44, of Crosby had apparent minor injuries and was transported by Lakewood Health System Ambulance.
Oct. 12: TCSO responded to a report of a female in the city of Browerville who was reporting that she had been approached on the street, restrained and inappropriately touched by a male party. After investigation, TCSO arrested Kendilove Charles, 26, on suspicion of Criminal Sexual Conduct and Kidnapping. There's no danger to the public and Charles is being held at the Todd County Jail pending formal charges.

TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, November 21, 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 being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend. 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 October 24, 2024, Board of Adjustment meeting minutes
1. Mark and Gwendoline Kunkel: Section 03, Grey Eagle Township, Mound Lake
Site Address: 14284 Chippewa Road, Burtrum, MN 56318

PID: 11-0049800
1. Request to reduce the OHWL setback from 100' to 59' for a structure addition in RD Shoreland Zoning.
Request to reduce the side property line setback from 10' to 2', 3" for a structure addition in RD Shoreland Zoning.
Request to increase the maximum allowed impervious roof coverage from 15 percent (%) to 21.57% and increase the maximum allowed total impervious from 25% to 25.6% for a structure addition in RD Shoreland Zoning.
Request to increase the maximum building height from 18' to 23' for a structure addition in RD Shoreland Zoning.
2. Michael, Robert and Joseph Andert: Section 18, Villard Township
Site Address: 48379 County 7, Staples, MN 56479
PID: 25-0018500

1. Request for the appeal of Planning and Zoning staff decision that an auto repair shop is not an allowed use in Residential-2 Zoning.

Adjournment.
Next meeting: December 19, 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
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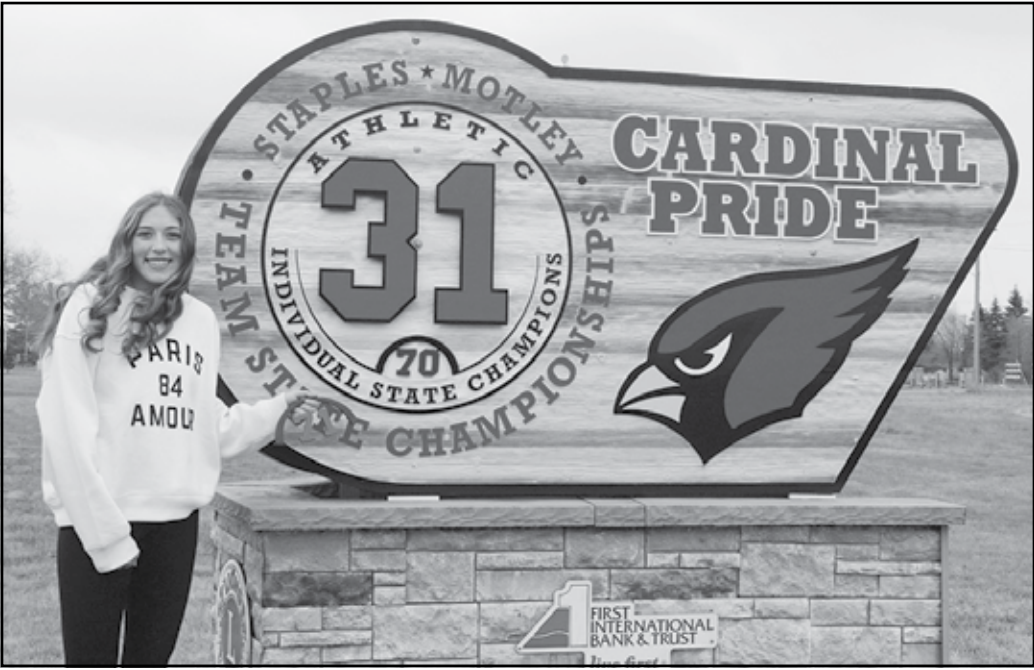
December 16, 2024 through
January 16, 2025
Estimated market value auction
And
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January 31, 2025
Minimum bid price sale

Todd County will sell to the highest bidder, per Minn Statute 282.005. All properties will be offered at an initial auction sale for no less than estimated market value, as determined by the most recent assessment. Any properties that do not sell at auction will be offered for a second auction. The sales price for the second auction will be the amount of delinquent taxes at time of forfeiture.

You will need to register with bid4assets prior to bidding. The registration link will be provided on the county web page.

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Todd County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer, Todd County Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue So, Suite 201, Long Prairie, Minnesota, 56347. Telephone: 320-732-4469 or online.

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State champions sign moves to 71

Audrey Brownell holds up the number 71 to add to the 70 state individual athletic champions that the Staples-Motley schools have achieved in their history. Brownell won the state cross country title on Nov. 2. Below, hundreds of fans line the course. Right, Brownell starts to pull away. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Alex Schultz sends the game to overtime with a long touchdown catch.

Swarming defense

Ben Tyrrell wraps up the runner with Colbe Tappe, Jacob Becker and Steven Petrich in pursuit. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Peyton Mithun plugs the hole while Adrian Gomez wraps up from behind.



Top-notch quality blocking

Above, Jacob Becker and Luke Bjerga push Barnesville players into the end zone on a scoring play. Below, Riley Reese knocks down a Barnesville defender. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Cardinal cheerleaders keep the crowd at a high energy level.

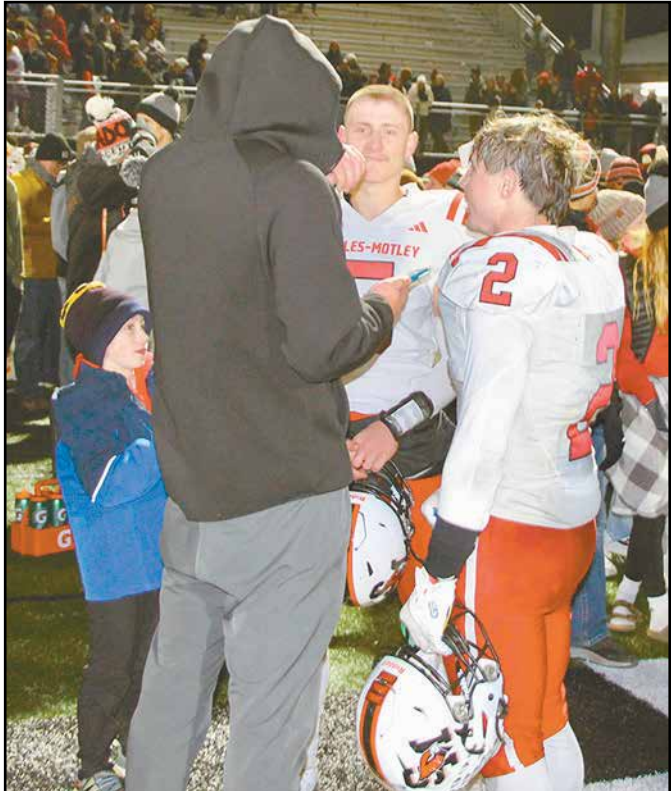




Jacob Becker goes horizontal to make a tackle.



Adrian Gomez runs down the quarterback, with Noah Larson in pursuit.

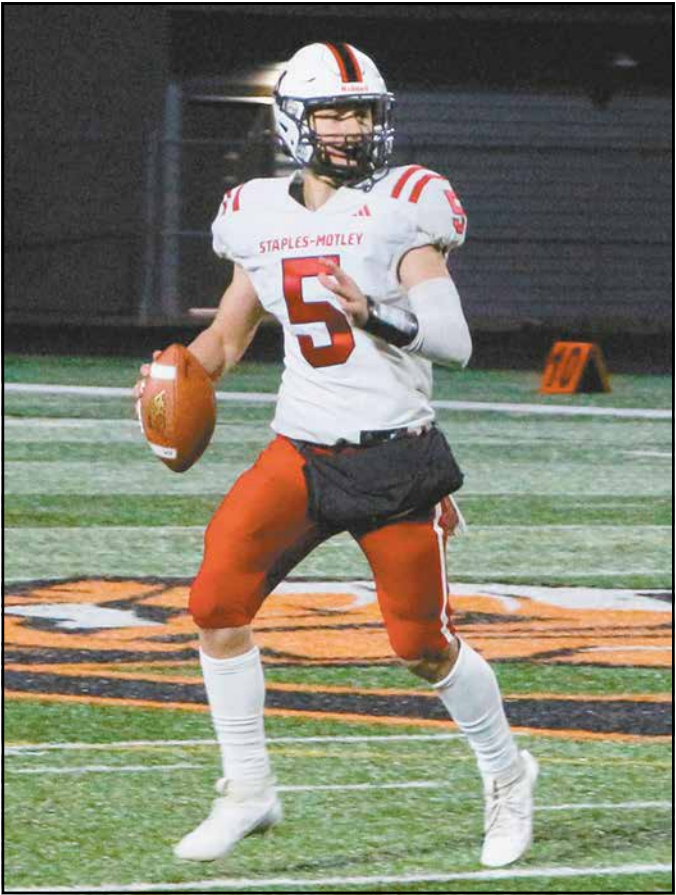


Eli Rutten and Colbe Tappe are interviewed after the game.

Team results
Staples-Motley 46, Barnesville 44
Rushing: Colbe Tappe 19-103, 5 TD; Eli Rutten 8-40, Conner Kuhns 3-12, Ben Tyrrell 3-6
Passing: Rutten 22-34, 263 yards, 1 TD, 1 int.
Receiving: Alex Schultz 12-189, 1 TD, Tappe 3-23, Turner Beachy 3-20, Benet Robinson 2-20, Tyrrell 1-6, Kuhns 1-5
Punts: Schultz 2-77
Kickoffs: Schultz 5-230
Kickoff returns: Gavin Chenoweth 2-11, Tappe 1-26, Kuhns 1-6
Tackles (solo-assists): Tappe 11-5, Bjerga 6-6, Schultz 4-4, Jacob Becker 3-4, Steven Petrich 0-6, Drake Dukowitz 1-5, Kuhns 2-3, Peyton Mithun 1-4, Sawyer Ferdon 2-2, Adrian Gomez 1-3, Noah Larson 0-3, Riley Reese 2-1, Tyrrell 2-1, Turner Beachy 1-1, Benet Robinson 0-1, Ryan Neelan 0-1
Sacks: Riley Reese 1, Ben Tyrrell 1, Jacob Becker 0.5, Noah Larson 0.5
Tackles for loss: Bjerga 2, Tyrrell 2, Becker 1.5, Dukowitz 1.5, Gomez 1.5, Mithun 1



Ben Tyrrell makes a sack on 4th and nine.



Rutten looks for a receiver.



Coach Drew Potter rallies the defense when they were down by two touchdowns.



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Personal connections

looking for. “They told me ‘don’t change a thing, it’s perfect the way it is,’” he said.

In March, O’Brien took photographs of the Opera House interior and was accompanied by writer Liz Gardner.

In the magazine, Gardner described the Opera House as having “deep burgundy walls frescoed with floral decorations and coved private boxes with elaborate cartouches.”

Cabana describes itself as “an Italian lifestyle brand.” It is based in Milan, Italy. The magazine is published two times per year, in April and October. It is filled with ads for Italian fashion, jewelry and high-end products such as Ferragamo, Prada and Giorgio Armani.

According to their web site, “Cabana Magazine explores the deeply personal relationships we have with the objects and interiors around us.”

While the stories describe some of the unique aspects of each building or setting, the photos in the magazine do not go into the technical aspects of design and architecture, but concentrate more on the people involved and the experience of interacting with the design. The magazine lets the photos do the talking, they do not describe what we are seeing on their full page photographs.

For the story on the Batcher Block Opera House, the person Gardner concentrated on was Colleen Frost, the building owner who is developing Frosty’s musical nightclub on the first floor of the building and holding larger events in the Opera House.

It included her personal connection with the build-

ing and her role as a preservationist.

At the Nov. 3 event, Frost talked about her personal history with the building, including how she developed her “I Am Rare” motto from what her mother told her.

When she finished speaking, Frost received a standing ovation from the audience for all the work she has done with the building and how it is now celebrated around the world.

The October Cabana Magazine includes stories about the Silk Roads exhibition in The British Museum, and other artisans of ceramics, film, art, decor and design.

Location stories include the Alsourie Castle in the Scottish Highlands, ancient festivals in Spain, and Viking architecture and design in Samarkand, Sweden. Design stories are from Mallorca, Spain, Ruffia, Italy and the Tanzania-Zambia Railway in Africa. Other stories are from Kenya, Belgium and Connecticut.

The Batcher Block Opera House of Staples, Minn., USA, is featured right in the middle of all those, on page 306. It has the one page story by Gardner and ten huge images of the building, including three double-page photos.

Near the end of the Nov. 3 event, Charles Eaton, singer for the Minnesota Opera, performed two songs, one in German and one in English. He was accompanied by Joseph Li of the MN Opera on piano. Before starting, Eaton said “It is a true honor” to be able to sing in the incredible space that is the Opera House.

Catalyst

Above, photographer Taylor O’Brien speaks about getting the Batcher Opera House into Cabana Magazine.



Charles Eaton sings opera, accompanied by Joseph Li.



Guests gathered at Frosty’s before the Cabana Magazine event. The slogan on the wall, “Where Dreams Really Do Come True,” is quoted in the magazine article. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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